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170	UNDATED	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	1	1		
171	UNDATED	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	1	1		
172	UNDATED	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	1	1		
173	10/23/52	MM Letter to NY	2	0		
174	10/21/52	3rd Party letter to NY	1	1		
174A	10/23/52	NY letter to 3rd Party	1	1		
175	10/24/52	NY Teletype to HQ	2	2		
176	10/24/52	NY Teletype to HQ RE: CRC	2	2		
177	10/24/52	NY Memo for File	3	3		
178	10/27/52	NY Memo for File /w enc	1/3	1/3		
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182	5/12/53	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	1	1		
183	5/12/53	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	—	—		SERIALS 182 & 183 ARE LISTED ON THE SAME CHARGE-OUT SLIP
184	10/31/52	NY Memo for File/wend	1/2	1/2		
185	10/31/52	WFO Letter to NY	3	3		
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187	11/3/52	NY Memo for File	1	1		
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194	11/5/52	PH Letter to NK	1	1		-
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196	11/5/52	NY Memo for File/wend	1/2	1/2		
197	11/5/52	NY Memo for File/wend	1/1	1/1		
198	11/6/52	NY Memo for File/wend	1/1	1/1		
199	11/6/52	NY Memo for File/wend	1/1	1/1		
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204	11/13/52	WFO Letter to HQ	1	1		
205	11/14/52	DE Report to HQ	4	4		
206	11/14/52	CG teletype to HQ	2	2		
206 A	11/14/52	Third Party Letter to HQ	1	1		
207	11/17/52	Complaint Form	1	1		
208	11/18/52	SF teletype to HQ	1	1		
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210	11/19/52	NY teletype to HQ, LA, and SF	2	2		BEST COPY AVAILABLE
211	11/19/52	SL letter to NY	4	4		
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS, IS-C, DAILEY

BY ONE NAUGHT FIVE NAUGHT DASH 8 WAS ADVISED THAT AN EMERGENCY MEETING

SPONSORED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO AND EAST BAY COMMITTEES TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR THE ROSENBERGS ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, 1951, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN

ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS, CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS, IPP, CHURCH AND

PEACE CLUBS. THE MEETING RESULTED IN PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING BAY AREA

CAMPAIGN:

ONE: DISTRIBUTION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ROSENBERG LEAVELLS SETTING FORTH
THE FACTS OF "THE FRAME UP" AND ENLISTING SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN IN
BEHALF OF THE ROSENBERGS.

TWO: A SERIES OF RADIO BROADCASTS TO PUBLICIZE THE APPEAL FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

THREE: A DRIVE AMONG RELIGIOUS PERSONS AND CHURCH LEADERS BASED ON THE
INJUSTICE OF A DEATH SENTENCE.

FOUR: AN ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAM INCLUDING SPEAKERS FOR ORGANIZATIONS,
MEETINGS IN HOMES, AND FORMATION OF COMMITTEES IN NORTHERN CALIF COMMUNITIES.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 173 DATE 10/23/52

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257½ 169th Street
New York 33, N.Y. (4) 7(d)

10·21·52.

Dear Sir. —

The enclosed was left under
the apt. doors at the above
add. where I live — last Sunday,
10·19·52. —

as being strongly an anti-Com-
munist myself — I thought it
might be of interest to you. —

Yours sincerely,

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

October 23, 1952

Miss Ella Hawk
625 West 169th Street
New York 32, N.Y.

Dear Miss Hawk:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, 1952 and I wish to thank you for your interest.

If any further information of this nature comes to your attention I would be obliged if you would furnish same to this office.

JAH:IM
100-107111

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 24, 1952

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. IS-C.

REBUPILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT THREE FIVE.

MEETING OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED IN QUOTE, DAILY WORKER,

UNQUOTE, TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL PLAZA, ONE ELEVEN SECOND AVENUE, NYC,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. OCTOBER TWENTY THREE LAST UNDER AUSPICES OF

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, TWENTY THREE WEST TWENTY SIX STREET, NYC.

ANNOUNCED SPEAKERS WERE E. Z. GOLDBERG, DR. W. E. B. DU BOIS,

RABBI SAMUEL BUCKLER, MRS. HELEN SOBELL, AND MORRIS CARNOVSKY.

BUCKLER DID NOT ATTEND. ONE DR. SCHMILER (PHONETIC) HEAD OF THE

LOWER EAST SIDE BRANCH OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, CALLED MEETING

TO ORDER AT EIGHT FORTY P.M. AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WAS SUNG.

SCHMILER THEN INTRODUCED JAMES ERICKSON (PHONETIC) AS AN EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN WHO ACTED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

ERICKSON THEN INTRODUCED A DR. TANGAR (PHONETIC) AS AN EDITOR OF QUOTE, BUSSKY GOLOS, UNQUOTE. ERICKSON THEN INTRODUCED MISS SCHLAB (PHONETIC) WHO SANG A SONG WRITTEN AND FINISHED OCTOBER TWENTY TWO LAST, BY EDITH BEGAL (PHONETIC). ERICKSON ANNOUNCED THAT THE POLICE

REFUSED TO LET SOME SEVENTY PEOPLE IN THE HALL BECAUSE OF SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SAID ANOTHER MEETING WAS BEING ORGANIZED ON THE THIRD FLOOR AND ASKED THE SPEAKERS TO GO DOWN THERE AND GIVE THEIR TALKS AFTER FINISHING UPSTAIRS. ERICKSON INTRODUCED HELEN SOBELL

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Jack *MWU*

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WIFE OF MORTON SOBELL INDICTED WITH THE ROSENBERGS. ERICKSON THEN
PRESENTED ELAINE ROSS AS HEAD OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS WHO
AFTER HER TALK TOOK UP A COLLECTION, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH WAS NOT
DISCLOSED. ELAINE ROSS WAS FOLLOWED BY B.Z. GOLDSBERG, DR. W. E. B.
DU BOIS, BESSIE MITCHELL, YURI SUHL, WHO SPOKE IN YIDDISH, AND
MORRIS CARNOVSKY WHO WAS INTRODUCED AS AN ACTOR, AND READ A POEM
BY AN UNKNOWN CHILIAN POET. ALL OF THE ABOVE PEOPLE WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF YURI SUHL, WHOM SA JOHN WILSON JR. WHO COVERED THE
MEETING COULD NOT UNDERSTAND, AND MORRIS CARNOVSKY RIDICULED THE
ACTIONS OF THE TRIAL COURT AND THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY IN THEIR
SPEECHES AND MENTIONED THE ANTI-SEMITES, THIS BEING THE CAUSE OF
THE ROSENBERG DIFFICULTIES. DURING THE MEETING, ERICKSON ASKED IF
WILLIAM A. RUBIN WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND REQUESTED HIM TO TAKE A
BOW WHICH RUBIN DID. THE MEETING ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY FIVE
HUNDRED PEOPLE AND WAS ADJOURNED AT ELEVEN TEN P.M.

BOARDMAN

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 24, 1952

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CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS; IS DASH C. DAYLET.

AND

ADVISED QUOTE SAVE ROSENBERG

RALLY UNQUOTE HELD OCTOBER TWENTY THREE LAST CENTRAL PLAZA, ONE
ONE ONE SECOND AVE., NYC, UNDER AUSPICES CRC. RALLY ATTENDED BY
OVERFLOW GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY THOUSAND PEOPLE, WHICH NECESSITATED
USE OF SMALL HALL UNDERNEATH MAIN MEETING ROOM. MAIN SPEAKER WAS
DR. W. E. B. DU BOIS. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED B. Z. GOLDBERG OF
QUOTE DAILY FORWARD UNQUOTE, MRS. HELEN SOBEL, WIFE OF MORTON
SOBEL, CODEFENDANT OF ROSENBERGS, DAVID KRINKIN, EDITOR OF QUOTE
HUSKY GOLAS UNQUOTE, BESSIE MITCHELL, AND MORRIS CARNOFSKY.
COLLECTION APPEAL HANDLED BY ELAINE ROSS OF CRC AND AMOUNTED TO
APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. SPEAKERS ALL DESCRIBED
ROSENBERGS AS VICTIMS OF QUOTE GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION UNQUOTE IN
ANOTHER QUOTE SACCO DASH VANZETTI CASE UNQUOTE, WHERE ROSENBERGS
COULD NOT BE GUILTY AS CHARGED BECAUSE US WAS ALLY OF RUSSIA WHILE
ACTS CHARGED TO THEM WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE OCCURRED. SIGNATURES
SOLICITED FOR PETITIONS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REQUESTING CLEM-
ENCY FOR ROSENBERGS, AND SIMILAR APPEAL DIRECTED TO PRESIDENT
TRUMAN BY WIRE FROM THE MEETING. THOSE PRESENT WERE REQUESTED

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TO SUPPORT MARSH RALLY ON SAME THEME SCHEDULED TO BE HELD UNION
SQUARE, NYC, OCTOBER TWENTY NINE NEXT BY ROSENBERG COMMITTEE
AND CRC.

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MEMO

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RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE

JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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A meeting of the captioned organization was announced in the Daily Worker to be held at the Festival Plaza, 111 Second Ave., N.Y.C., at 8:00 P.M. Oct 25, 1952 under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, 23 W. 26th St., N.Y.C. The advertisement listed speakers as B.Z. GOLDBERG, Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, LAEBI SAMUEL BUCKLER, MRS. HELEN SOBELL, and MARXIS CARNOVSKY. BUCKLER did not attend the meeting.

One Dr. SCHMIDLER (phonetic), who introduced himself as the head of the Lower East Side Branch of the Civil Rights Congress called the meeting to order at 8:40 P.M. and the National Anthem was sung.

SCHMIDLER then introduced JAMES ERICKSON (ph) as an Executive Editor of the National Guardian who acted as Master of Ceremonies. ERICKSON introduced a Dr. TANGER (ph) as an editor of "Russia Today". ERICKSON then introduced a Miss SCHLAB (ph) 177-10711-443

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sang a song written and finished Oct. 22, 1952
by EDITH SEGAL (ph)

ERICKSON announced that the police refused to let seven 70 people in the hall because of safety regulations and said another meeting was being organized on the 3rd floor and asked the speakers to go down there and give their talk after finishing up here.

ERICKSON introduced HELEN SOBEK, wife of MORTON SOBEK, who was convicted with the Rosenbergs. ERICKSON then presented ELAINE ROSS as head of the Civil Rights Congress who after her talk took up a collection the amount of which was not disclosed.

ELAINE Ross was followed by B.Z. GOODMAN, DR. W.E.B. DUBOIS, BESSIE MITCHELL YURI SUHL and MORRIS CARNOVSKY, who was introduced as an actor, and read a poem by an unknown Cuban poet.

It is to be noted that all of the above people with the exception of YURI SUHL who spoke in Yiddish which the writer does not understand and MORRIS CARNOVSKY, ridiculed the actions of the trial court and the prosecuting attorney in their speeches and mentioned the anti-semites as being the cause of the Rosenbergs' difficulties.

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During the meeting Erickson asked WILLIAM A. REUBEN to take a bow and REUBEN did take a bow.

The meeting was attended by approximately 500 people and was adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

JOHN WILSON JR., S.A.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
FROM : INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: October 27, 1952

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SUBJECT:

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(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

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October 18, 1952

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ROSENBERGS SIGNIFY CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VINDICATION.

COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUPREME EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR LIVES, MEETING SCHEDULED.

Stating that they "will continue in our determination to expose the political frame-up perpetrated against us", Ethel and Julius Rosenberg today predicted that the American people "will save us - and themselves - from this conspiracy to put to death innocent Americans".

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case called for a supreme effort to save the lives of the Rosenbergs by public and private appeal to President Truman to exercise Executive Clemency, and to instruct his Attorney General to consent to any new motions that may be made in the case.

A series of great public meetings are already underway, beginning with a meeting in Philadelphia on October 14 at Town Hall, Broad and Race St.; Brooklyn on October 21; Manhattan on October 23; Newark, New Jersey on October 25; Cleveland on November 8; Boston on November 9; Bronx on November 10. Other meetings will be announced shortly.

The Committee termed the Supreme Court refusal to hear the case a "disappointment to the many scores of thousands of Americans who have petitioned for a new trial in the Rosenberg trial case, and to millions more who are shocked by the

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precedeted death sentences. We will continue making every effort to win a new trial for the Rosenbergs and Sobell, and we will make every effort to save their lives against the moment when it becomes impossible to deny the justice of our claim that their trial was devoid of those guarantees of fairness which should be taken for granted in our courts.

"We cannot have two kinds of justice in our country, one for confessed and convicted Nazi traitors, who receive 10 year sentences, and another for ordinary people like the Rosenbergs, who have maintained their innocence from the outset, and who receive death sentences. What the Supreme Court has not done, the American people must do. A new trial must be won for the Rosenbergs and Sobell."

TEXT OF ROSENBERG'S STATEMENT ATTACHED:

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STATEMENT BY ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG,
FROM THE DEATH HOUSE AT SING SING, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 1952

Our pleas to the Supreme Court have been restricted by legal protocol, but, before the bar of public opinion we cannot reassert often or emphatically enough our complete innocence of the charge.

One matter should be made unequivocally clear. No matter what the result, we will continue in our determination to expose the political frameup perpetrated against us by those who would silence by death, through spurious espionage accusations, opposition to the conspiracy to impose war abroad and a police state at home.

We do not want to die. We are young and yearn for a long life of accomplishment. Yet, if the only alternative to death is the purchase of life at the cost of personal dignity and abandonment of the struggle for democracy and ethical standards, there is no future for us or any legacy we can leave our children or those who survive and follow us.

For what is life without the right to live it? Death holds no horror as great as the horror of a sterile existence devoid of social responsibility and the courage of one's convictions.

We believe that our fellow Americans share these sentiments. We believe that they will save us - and themselves - from this conspiracy to put to death innocent Americans.

Ethel Rosenberg
Julius Rosenberg

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PABLO PICASSO JOINS FIGHT TO SAVE ROSENBERGS RABBI MEYER SHARFF TO SPEAK OCT. 22 BROOKLYN

Pablo Picasso of Paris, one of the world's outstanding artists, today joined a growing list of world figures who have spoken up for a new trial or for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, it was announced today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Mr. Picasso signed a petition for a new trial now being circulated among outstanding European figures.

The Committee also announced that Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff, a leader of Orthodox Jewry, would make his second Brooklyn appearance on behalf of the Rosenbergs on Wednesday, October 22nd, 8 p.m., at a Save the Rosenbergs meeting at Premier Palace, 635 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Admission 50 cents.

The Committee announced that the October 22nd meeting, the first of a number of New York meetings which will culminate in a Union Square Rally on October 29th, will mark the opening of a post-card campaign directed to President Truman, urging him to commute the death sentences.

Other speakers at the meeting on October 22nd will be Mrs. Morton Sobell, wife of one of the defendants who received a 3 year sentence, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, sister of one of the "Trenton Six," Miss Gloria Agrin, noted attorney who was chief counsel in the Dr. W.E.B. DuBois case last year and others.

Premier Palace may be reached by taking the Canarsie line to Sutter Avenue, or the IRT Seventh Avenue-New Lots train to Junius Street, or via Pitkin Avenue bus #14.

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Nine street corner meetings bring the facts in the Rosenberg Case to the Bronx.

On Saturday, October 11, the Bronx Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case will have a day long series of meetings in which the facts taken directly from the trial record will be presented to the people of the Bronx. Neighborhood groups have pledged support to the campaign to ask that the Supreme Court which is scheduled to hand down its decision October 13, review the Rosenberg conviction and sentence of death. Thousands of people in the Bronx have signed Amicus briefs asking for a new trial for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and for their co-defendant Morton Sobell who was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment.

The Committee urges everyone to attend the meeting in his neighborhood so that the truth can become known before this injustice become irrevocable by the death of the Rosenbergs. The places and times will be as follows:

Time	Place
11:00A.M.	Hunts Point (Krames Square)
11:45	Freeman Street and Southern Blvd.
1:00P.M.	Jennings Street and Linford Pl.
1:45	175 Street and Southern Blvd.
2:00	Tremont Ave. & Prospect Blvd.
2:45	182 St. and Crotona Parkway
3:00	Allerton Ave. & Olinville
4:15	Clarendon Parkway and Third Ave.
5:00	170 S street and Walton Ave.

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UNIONISTS PLEDGE SUPPORT OF OCT. 29 UNION SQUARE

"APPEAL TO PRESIDENT" RALLY TO SAVE ROSENBERGS

A poll of literally hundreds of workers in the garment area, during a distribution of leaflets calling on them to attend an Oct. 29 after work meeting at Union Square, revealed a deepening anger at the refusal of the Supreme Court to hear the Rosenberg appeal against their death sentences, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case said today.

The lunch-hour poll, taken yesterday, took the form of two simple questions: "How do you feel about the Rosenberg death sentence?" and "Will you attend the Union Square meeting on October 29th called to appeal to President Truman for clemency?"

One middle-aged garment worker summed up his feelings by saying, "It's always open season on Rosenbergs." He said that he had been asked by several of his fellow workers to attend the Union Square meeting, and would probably do so.

A young fur worker said that he would attend the meeting if the questioner really believed that the "government listens to people these days."

A widowed milliner whose son came back from Korea two months ago said: "My son's life was spared, thank God. Others were not so lucky. And those that got killed, what good does it do? What good will it do for our government to kill the Rosenbergs? Right or wrong, innocent or guilty, they should not be put in the electric chair." She said she knew about the Union Square meeting and would be there.

A clerk in a ribbon house, a refugee who had escaped one of the Hitler death camps, pointed to the tattooed number on his arm and said bitterly: "They're free today, those who put the number here. I am like Koch, she gets mercy. I don't know if the Rosenbergs are innocent or guilty. But if they did Hitler's work instead of Stalin's, they wouldn't get any death sentences, believe me. Yes, why shouldn't I come

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down to Union Square."

A non-Jewish truckman approached one of the leaflet distributors, took a leaflet, read it and said: "You may not know it, but those Rosenberg people are innocent. If the judges had any guts they'd throw the prosecutor and all the witnesses into prison for lying in court. It's the same fake they pulled on Tom Mooney, if you remember him. He spent 20 years in prison. If you let the Rosenbergs stay in tht. long, or get executed, it will just mean that the people in this country haven't got an ounce of brains." He told the interviewer to look for him in the first row of those attending the Union Square meeting.

The Union Square meeting will address a plea to President Truman urging that he grant Executive Clemency to the Rosenbergs.

Speakers will be announced shortly.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10711)
1 - (EMANUEL H. BLOCH) 100-99876
1 - (RUSS NIXON) 100-97050

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WF-776-S* provided the following data on 10/16/52:

RUSSELL ARTHUR NIXON, JR., Legislative Representative, informed FRANCES SAYLER his HOUR testimony slated for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 10/16/52 had been postponed to 11/18/52 in Washington. In addition NIXON asked Mrs. SAYLER, "say, did anyone contact you anymore on that stuff I talked to you about?--Didn't you get any material or anything?" When told no, NIXON determined he couldn't see SAYLER as he was soon returning to Philadelphia, but told her "...maybe you will hear more later. Obviously since I talked to you it is more urgent that it was then." After some discussion, apparently concerning the International Harvester Strike, ILLINOIS, underway in Rock Island, Illinois, NIXON concluded, "Well, I think that anything you can do on it now ...The guys are very interested in it, and may send you some material you may find interesting in connection with it."

The informant was not told precisely what organization or material NIXON and Mrs. SAYLER were discussing, however, about 20 minutes after the above conversation, RUSS NIXON was in contact with one MANNIE BLOCK (phonetic), New York City phone Worth 2-6851.

NIXON told BLOCK he was in Washington earlier than he expected to and thought he better check with BLOCK, wondering what the latter had in mind. She had not received "the record" or anything, BLOCK answered. "That's funny, because I told them to take care of it four days ago." RUSS then gave BLOCK the address of 3120 Pendleton Drive, Wheaton, Maryland, Phone 104-7273, as the place to forward material and to get in touch with FRANCES SAYLER. This number is listed in the November, '51, Washington Directory to ALLEN W. SAYLER.

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BLOCK asserted that he would send the "stuff" down to her immediately. Then, in response to NIXON's question, "and now you will get a check on MARC (phonetic), I suspect," said "Yeah except SI - NEW YORK"

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1 - (EMANUEL BLOCH) 101-2967

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...I didn't check on MARC because I was waiting to get the response from her. ...once she feels that the other party is susceptible and amenable, I don't believe we are going to have any difficulty at all." No further identification was made of "the other party" or MARC. ~~X~~

BLOCK thought he would be in Washington on the 28th (probably October) and NIXON asked if there was anything he wanted him to do, saying, "She has made inquiry whether this other fellow is coming down. She is sort of waiting to get material and waiting for further contact." BLOCK said he might call her (still referring to FRANCES SAYLER) himself and asked NIXON if "she might be a little squeamish." NIXON replied he wouldn't say so. ~~X~~

BLOCK concluded by asking RUSS to "...talk it around to other people you know--it is important. It is perfectly proper for me, now a lawyer, as part of my legal responsibility, to contact any and all people in respects to computation, the Judicial proceedings." ~~X~~

Neither NIXON or BLOCK actually identified the matter of discussion. ~~X~~

It is believed MANNIE BLOCK is identical with EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, a lawyer at 270 Broadway, and residence at 7 West 16th Street, New York City, SM-C subject of New York 100-99876 and 101-744, Bufile 101-6691, WFO 101-2967. New York letter of 1/27/51 in the BLOCH case reflects he is attorney for JULIUS ROSENBERG, the convicted espionage agent who is sentenced to death as is his wife.

It appears logical to assume RUSS NIXON and BLOCK were discussing enlisting FRANCES SAYLER's assistance in the ROSENBERG's current agitation for computation of the death sentence. ~~X~~

For info of Baltimore, the Bureau has directed no active investigation be conducted on BLOCH because of his attorney relationship to the ROSENBERGS.

Regarding FRANCES SAYLER, nee FRANCES LULU WHEELER, she is the daughter of the former Democratic Senator from Montana, BURTON K. WHEELER; she married ALLEN WHITE SAYLER on 8/15/41. The current Washington Directory lists the SAYLERS' residence as 3402 Pendleton Drive, Wheaton, Maryland. FRANCES SAYLER, according to [REDACTED] was a UE organizer in Detroit and was in close contact with Communist Party members there and active in the affairs of the Civil Rights Congress. The SAYLERS reportedly came to Washington from Detroit in 12/48. To WFO's knowledge, FRANCES SAYLER has not been definitely placed in the Communist Party.

No active investigation has been conducted at WFO regarding Mrs. SAYLER, but she is the subject of closed file 100-15100. ~~X~~ 67D

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ALLEN W. SAYLER, who was also an employee of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers in America for about a year in 1949-50, has undergone considerable investigation and is the subject of Bufile 100-312209, Baltimore 100-11368 and WFO 101-2712.

He was a State Official in the Progressive Party in Michigan in the late 1940's.

The above is furnished New York to apprise them of the possible activities of EMANUEL BLOCH and RUSS NIXON (in both cases New York is origin) in the ROSENBERG matter.

Copies of this communication are furnished Baltimore as FRANCES SAYLER and her husband, ALLEN, reside in that division, and to advise Baltimore of possible activity by both the SAYLERS and the Progressive Party Club of Prince Georges-Montgomery County Maryland in the ROSENBERG appeal for commutation of their death sentence.

The NCSJRC case remains pending at WFO.

R. Committee to Secure Justice
in the Rosenberg Case
Internal Security Act
con-100-55555 (Morton Sobell)
65-55545 (Julius & Ethel Rosenberg)

On Friday evening, October 17, 1952,
Special Employee Hyman D. Rabinowitz observed
an open-air meeting sponsored by instant organizations
at the corner of Norfolk and Delancey Streets, in
Manhattan.

It is pointed out that Delancey Street is a
busy thoroughfare, particularly on Friday
nights. At the time I observed the meeting
(between 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.) there were indexed
about 400 people ~~were~~ standing at the above-mentioned corner.

The writer listened to a speech, in Yiddish,
by MENACHEM ~~THE YVR~~ SUHL. Suhl
said that just as there was absolutely no
question about the innocence of Sacco and
Vanzetti, so there is no question about the
innocence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton
Sobell. Suhl quoted from the Jewish Daily
"Forward", of a recent date, that the sentence
was unnecessarily gruesome. He spoke at length
about "Abe Selly", "Tokyo Rose", ~~she was a~~
more criminals, etc., all of whom received
minor sentences. He said the death sentence
against the Rosenbergs was the result of

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The hysteria ~~was~~ prevalent in the country. Sahl asked his audience to write to President Truman to commute the death sentences against the Rosenbergs to life sentences. He said that as long as they remained alive they could fight for their eventual freedom and vindication.

About 9:00 P.M. the meeting was disrupted by a fellow who claimed to be a marine veteran. The meeting was held up until someone went to the police station, at Delaney and Clinton, and came back with four policemen who were joined, shortly, by two police cars.

During the commotion the loud speaker went dead, and a speech by Frances Golbin was inaudible.

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the FACTS in the ROSENBERG CASE



On April 5, 1951, Julius Rosenberg and his wife Ethel were sentenced to die in the electric chair, and Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment, having been convicted on a charge of conspiracy to spy on behalf of the Soviet Union.

The Rosenbergs and Sobell have unwaveringly maintained their innocence from the day of their arrest.

On February 25, 1952, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the verdict and the sentences in a shocking decision that held, among other things, that persons could be considered disposed to commit espionage by virtue of their political or social views.

Thousands of people, among them many eminent public figures, do not believe the Rosenbergs and Sobell guilty or that their trial was a fair one. Thousands more, who have grave doubts of their guilt, are horrified at the death sentence.

THE ROSENBERGS

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, until their arrest, led the life of every-day people, struggling for a livelihood and education, and hoping that their two young sons, aged nine and four, would be spared the hardships familiar to the parents.

Since their marriage they lived solely on Julius' \$70-a-week income as a government engineer, except for the past few years when they managed a meager living from the profits of a small machine shop business. Julius was an active member of his trade union. Ethel did volunteer work in community and civilian defense organizations.

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THE PROSECUTION'S CASE

Before the trial the prosecutor announced that he would call 118 witnesses, among them top scientists Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Dr. Harold C. Urey; Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the atom bomb project during the war; agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; alleged associates of the Rosenbergs and Sobell in the "conspiracy"; and two "star" witnesses.

Of these 118, the prosecutor called only 20, among them none of the above named scientists or FBI agents. One witness, Max Elitcher, admitted that he faced a five year prison sentence for perjury, that he had been threatened by FBI agents with prosecution for espionage, and that he "hoped for the best" as a result of his uncorroborated testimony. He is free today, never having been tried. The two chief witnesses, David and Ruth Greenglass, were both, according to the prosecutor, and their own statements, involved in the alleged conspiracy, but as a result of their testimony, Ruth was never brought to trial, and her husband got off with a 15-year sentence.

The government's entire case is based on the Greenglasses' uncorroborated testimony, a fact conceded by the Court of Appeals, which in upholding the convictions declared that without the testimony of the Greenglasses, "the conviction could not stand." The prosecutor produced 32 exhibits as "documentary evidence." Not one of these documents, by the prosecutor's own admission, connected the Rosenbergs with a conspiracy to commit espionage.

THE STAR WITNESSES

David Greenglass, brother of Ethel Rosenberg, and his wife Ruth, were the star witnesses against the Rosenbergs. Both admitted that they had committed espionage for which they received money and for which both could be given the death penalty.

The Greenglasses' uncorroborated testimony was the only evidence presented that the Rosenbergs had conspired to steal the atom-bomb secret. Their testimony in respect to the Rosenbergs was solely oral, and no documents or other proofs linking the Rosenbergs to espionage were introduced. No witnesses were called to substantiate any conversations on espionage that allegedly took place between the Greenglasses and the Rosenbergs. David Greenglass testified that, relying solely on his memory of snatches of overheard conversation at the atom-bomb project at Los Alamos, and his remembrance of details of blueprints which had been shown to him as part of his work as a machinist, he had drawn up an elaborate sketch of the atom bomb, together with twelve pages of written material, which he allegedly conveyed as a description of the bomb to Rosenberg.

The following are Greenglass' actual qualifications for this impressive feat:

- 1) experience as an ordinary machinist in both army and civilian life;
- 2) a high school education, plus 8 technical courses at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, in all 8 of which he admitted he was graded "failure";
- 3) an admission that he was ignorant of the formulae governing component parts of the atom bomb, and that he had never taken courses or read books on such essential subjects as elementary, differential or advanced calculus, thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, nuclear or atomic physics.

Not a single atomic scientist was called to support David Greenglass' testimony concerning the atom bomb or to confirm the authenticity of the "sketch" of the atom bomb he made for the trial.

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responsible periodicals and science editors commented as follows on Greenglass testimony:

TIME MAGAZINE: "Some of his testimony made little scientific sense."

LIFE MAGAZINE'S Science Editor: "Greenglass' implosion bomb appears illogical, if not downright unworkable."

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN: "History's most elaborately guarded secret—how to make an atomic bomb—was casually let out of the bag in a courtroom last month. Or was it?"

POLITICS INSTEAD OF EVIDENCE

The prosecutor set out to show that the Rosenbergs were Communists and that Communists are spies. This had nothing to do with either the indictment or proof that the Rosenbergs had conspired to commit espionage. But he did not establish that the Rosenbergs were Communists. Instead, he showed:

- 1) the Rosenbergs had a Spanish Refugee appeal can in their home;
- 2) Ethel Rosenberg was one of 50,000 New York citizens who had signed a nominating petition in 1941 for Peter V. Cacchione, successful Communist Party candidate for New York City Councilman;
- 3) the Rosenbergs carried sick and death benefit insurance with the International Workers Order, a multi-national, inter-racial fraternal insurance society with 160,000 members in 18 states;
- 4) the Rosenbergs were both active members of their trade unions; Ethel in Local 65 of the Wholesale, Retail and Warehouse Workers Union; Julius in the Federation of Architects, Engineers and Technicians;
- 5) the Rosenbergs occasionally read the *Daily Worker*;
- 6) the Rosenbergs believed that the Soviet Union had borne the brunt of the war against Nazi Germany, and that it had done its share in wiping out the murderers of 6 million Jews;
- 7) the Rosenbergs had been pleased and lauded the United States and Great Britain for opening up a second front;
- 8) Julius Rosenberg had once been accused of being a Communist, for which he had been fired from the Signal Corps, although he had sworn that he was not a Communist.

JEWISH ASPECTS

The Rosenberg and Sobell trial, in a city whose population is one-third Jewish, proceeded without a single Jewish juror.

Here are comments from the Jewish press:

THE DAY: "The death sentence imposed by Judge Kaufman left the feeling that precisely because he is a Jew did he go to an extreme and deal judgment with a heavy hand . . . that Judge Kaufman is a Jew has perhaps unconsciously motivated him to issue a sentence which, in the opinion of many, is considered to be unjust and brutal."

DAILY FORWARD: "Too horrible . . . every Jew feels the same way."

CHICAGO SENTINEL, an Anglo-Jewish paper, in a column on Feb. 7, 1952 by Rabbi G. George Fox, one of the most widely known Rabbis in the Mid-West, an eminent scholar and author: "I am certain that Judge Kaufman's decision will be found unjust, if not illegal."

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THE DEATH SENTENCE

In imposing the death sentence against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, Judge Irving Kaufman said that they had "altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country . . . we have evidence of your treachery around us every day . . . I believe your conduct has already caused, in my opinion, the Communist aggression in Korea, with resultant casualties exceeding 50,000 and who knows but that millions more of innocent people may pay the price of your treason."

From the Judge's comments, it appears that he sentenced the Rosenbergs to death for crimes with which they were not at all charged. They were neither accused of treason nor was any evidence brought in linking them in any way to the instigation of any wars, past, present, or future.

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Yonkers, N. Y.

November 3, 1952

MEMORANDUM

Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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The following information was received from [REDACTED] on October (b) 7(d) 30 last in the form of a written report. The informant stated he attended a dinner on Saturday, October 11, 1952 at the home of a family named SILVERMAN in the Hilltop Acres section of Yonkers, N. Y. The price of the dinner was \$2.50 per person and its purpose was to raise money for the "Rosenbergs who have been sentenced to death as Russian Atomic spies". The principal speaker was a Mr. KAHN who informant understood came from Croton, N. Y. KAHN read a letter from the Rosenbergs and explained the injustices in "typical frameup terms". SILVERMAN made an appeal for funds [REDACTED]. About 40 people were present. Among the people present were Mr and Mrs SILVERMAN.

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The original report submitted by the informant will be found in
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Dreyfus

Dear Sir:

This leaflet was put
under my apt. door at
211-10 73rd Street between
Ave M & Ave K
N.Y.C.

Having called one of
your men on charges, he
advised me to send it
forward to you.

It smells pick to
me. Hope its of small
help.

Respectfully,

Craig (b) 7(d)
100-107111-188

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

November 3, 1952

Mr. Charles Grasb,
211-10 73rd Avenue
Bayside, New York

Dear Mr. Grasb:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28, 1952,
with enclosure.

I have carefully noted the contents of this matter and wish to
take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for making this
information available.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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the FACTS in the ROSENBERG CASE



On April 5, 1951, Julius Rosenberg and his wife Ethel were sentenced to die in the electric chair, and Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment, having been convicted on a charge of conspiracy to spy on behalf of the Soviet Union.

The Rosenbergs and Sobell have unwaveringly maintained their innocence from the day of their arrest.

On February 25, 1952, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the verdict and the sentences in a shocking decision that held, among other things, that persons could be considered disposed to commit espionage by virtue of their political or social views.

Thousands of people, among them many eminent public figures, do not believe the Rosenbergs and Sobell guilty or that their trial was a fair one. Thousands more, who have grave doubts of their guilt, are horrified at the death sentence.

THE ROSENBERGS

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, until their arrest, led the life of every-day people, struggling for a livelihood and education, and hoping that their two young sons, aged nine and four, would be spared the hardships familiar to the parents.

Since their marriage they lived solely on Julius' \$70-a-week income as a government engineer, except for the past few years when they managed a meager living from the profits of a small machine shop business. Julius was an active member of his trade union. Ethel did volunteer work in community and civilian defense organizations.

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THE PROSECUTION'S CASE

Before the trial the prosecutor announced that he would call 118 witnesses, among them top scientists Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Dr. Harold C. Urey; Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the atom bomb project during the war; agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; alleged associates of the Rosenbergs and Sobell in the "conspiracy"; and two "star" witnesses.

Of these 118, the prosecutor called only 20, among them none of the above named scientists or FBI agents. One witness, Max Elitcher, admitted that he faced a five year prison sentence for perjury, that he had been threatened by FBI agents with prosecution for espionage, and that he "hoped for the best" as a result of his uncorroborated testimony. He is free today, never having been tried. The two chief witnesses, David and Ruth Greenglass, were both, according to the prosecutor, and their own statements, involved in the alleged conspiracy, but as a result of their testimony, Ruth was never brought to trial, and her husband got off with a 15-year sentence.

The government's entire case is based on the Greenglasses' uncorroborated testimony, a fact conceded by the Court of Appeals, which in upholding the convictions declared that without the testimony of the Greenglasses, "the conviction could not stand." The prosecutor produced 32 exhibits as "documentary evidence." Not one of these documents, by the prosecutor's own admission, connected the Rosenbergs with a conspiracy to commit espionage.

THE STAR WITNESSES

David Greenglass, brother of Ethel Rosenberg, and his wife Ruth, were the star witnesses against the Rosenbergs. Both admitted that they had committed espionage for which they received money and for which both could be given the death penalty.

The Greenglasses' uncorroborated testimony was the only evidence presented that the Rosenbergs had conspired to steal the atom-bomb secret. Their testimony in respect to the Rosenbergs was solely oral, and no documents or other proofs linking the Rosenbergs to espionage were introduced. No witnesses were called to substantiate any conversations on espionage that allegedly took place between the Greenglasses and the Rosenbergs. David Greenglass testified that, relying solely on his memory of snatches of overheard conversation at the atom-bomb project at Los Alamos, and his remembrance of details of blueprints which had been shown to him as part of his work as a machinist, he had drawn up an elaborate sketch of the atom bomb, together with twelve pages of written material, which he allegedly conveyed as a description of the bomb to Rosenberg.

The following are Greenglass' actual qualifications for this impressive feat:

- 1) experience as an ordinary machinist in both army and civilian life;
- 2) a high school education, plus 8 technical courses at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, in all 8 of which he admitted he was graded "failure";
- 3) an admission that he was ignorant of the formulae governing component parts of the atom bomb, and that he had never taken courses or read books on such essential subjects as elementary, differential or advanced calculus, thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, nuclear or atomic physics.

Not a single atomic scientist was called to support David Greenglass' testimony concerning the atom bomb or to confirm the authenticity of the "sketch" of the atom bomb he made for the trial.

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responsible periodicals and science editors commented as follows on Greenglass' testimony:

TIME MAGAZINE: "Some of his testimony made little scientific sense."

LIFE MAGAZINE'S Science Editor: "Greenglass' implosion bomb appears illogical, if not downright unworkable."

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN: "History's most elaborately guarded secret—how to make an atomic bomb—was casually let out of the bag in a courtroom last month. Or was it?"

POLITICS INSTEAD OF EVIDENCE

The prosecutor set out to show that the Rosenbergs were Communists and that Communists are spies. This had nothing to do with either the indictment or proof that the Rosenbergs had conspired to commit espionage. But he did not establish that the Rosenbergs were Communists. Instead, he showed:

- 1) the Rosenbergs had a Spanish Refugee appeal can in their home;
- 2) Ethel Rosenberg was one of 50,000 New York citizens who had signed a nominating petition in 1941 for Peter V. Cacchione, successful Communist Party candidate for New York City Councilman;
- 3) the Rosenbergs carried sick and death benefit insurance with the International Workers Order, a multi-national, inter-racial fraternal insurance society with 160,000 members in 18 states;
- 4) the Rosenbergs were both active members of their trade unions; Ethel in Local 65 of the Wholesale, Retail and Warehouse Workers Union; Julius in the Federation of Architects, Engineers and Technicians;
- 5) the Rosenbergs occasionally read the *Daily Worker*;
- 6) the Rosenbergs believed that the Soviet Union had borne the brunt of the war against Nazi Germany, and that it had done its share in wiping out the murderers of 6 million Jews;
- 7) the Rosenbergs had been pleased and lauded the United States and Great Britain for opening up a second front;
- 8) Julius Rosenberg had once been accused of being a Communist, for which he had been fired from the Signal Corps, although he had sworn that he was not a Communist.

JEWISH ASPECTS

The Rosenberg and Sobell trial, in a city whose population is one-third Jewish, proceeded without a single Jewish juror.

Here are comments from the Jewish press:

THE DAY: "The death sentence imposed by Judge Kaufman left the feeling that precisely because he is a Jew did he go to an extreme and deal judgment with a heavy hand . . . that Judge Kaufman is a Jew has perhaps unconsciously motivated him to issue a sentence which, in the opinion of many, is considered to be unjust and brutal."

DAILY FORWARD: "Too horrible . . . every Jew feels the same way."

CHICAGO SENTINEL, an Anglo-Jewish paper, in a column on Feb. 7, 1952 by Rabbi G. George Fox, one of the most widely known Rabbis in the Mid-West, an eminent scholar and author: "I am certain that Judge Kaufman's decision will be found unjust, if not illegal."

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In Re
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and was addressed to The Nacional
Hotel, Cuba / Havana) which is owned
by the Kirkby chain.

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in the ~~intelligence~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~ This naturally came
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it will be of any help to you but am
studying it just the same. It is a thorough
Communication & propaganda

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July 4, 1952 (6-11)

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

November 4, 1952

Miss Constance Griggs
Gotham Hotel
Fifth Avenue & 55th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Griggs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, 1952,
with enclosure.

I wish to thank you for forwarding me the information contained
in your letter. You may be assured that it will receive appropriate
attention.

Very truly yours,


LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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TRUE COPY

Dear Sir,-Our country is too dear to have Commies passing out pamphlets on 14 St. N.Y., in regard to saving the Rosenbergs hide. Up to now they have been given too fairer trail. According to this pamphlet there is a Committe rageing to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. As I write this I think of my husband who is a paralized veteran, & the many other boys who are suffering as a result of their treason. This Committee Mentioned is located at 1050-6th Ave N.Y.C.. No doubt is a bed of Commies. It sure lowers the dignity of our City to see these brazeing Reds, who Never done any thing to fight & uphold the democracy we Cherish. Please do something & step in & have this City Cleaned of such swine. The Rosenbergs should not be granted another appeal. They are being Coddled enough. Russia would treat them a little differently.

/s/ First F. M. Evans : (b) ; (d)

Return Address as given on reverse side of postal card:

Evans
711 FDR Drive (c) (d),
Apt 1F N.Y.C.

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Mrs. E. N. Evans,
Apartment IX
711 Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive
New York, New York

(b) 7(d)

Dear Mrs. Evans: (u)(d).

Your postal card postmarked October 30, 1952, has been received.

I sincerely appreciate the concern which prompted you to communicate with me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

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J. H. [Signature]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, was contacted by the writer on 10/1/52 in connection with another investigation, at which time he furnished a number of circulars published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which were received by him from an unknown source. These circulars advertised a meeting on Thursday, 9/11/52, at the Wide-Way Ball, 929 Broad Street, Newark, N.J., under the auspices of the New Jersey Rosenberg Committee, R.D. #2, box 148, Toms River, N.J. (b) 7(d)

These circulars are being enclosed for the Newark office for their general information and disposal.

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"APPEAL TO PRESIDENT" ON BEHALF OF ROSENBERGS TODAY AT

UNION SQUARE INITIATES "MILLION MESSAGE" CLEMENCY CAMPAIGN

ROSENBERG ATTENDS IN NEW PLEA TO SUPREME COURT

The "Appeal to the President" meeting to be held today at Union Square from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., asking for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, will initiate a "Million Message" campaign for clemency, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced today.

The Union Square meeting will be addressed by Rabbi Dr. Mayer Sharff, leading Brooklyn Orthodox Rabbi who has declared that he will not rest until the lives of the Rosenbergs have been saved, by Reverend Amos Murphy of Boston, and other religious and civic leaders. A chorus of 40 voices will participate in the meeting.

The "Million Message" clemency campaign, which begins today, already has a start of almost 100,000 postcards, telegram and letters already sent to President Truman. This figure of 100,000 was compiled by the Committee from its local committees in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, Denver, Miss., Houston, Austin, Dallas, New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Newark, Boston and scores of other cities.

and issued Brecht's last statement.

Brennan, Edward Steu, Rosenberg attorney, and Edward H. Sparer, attorney for Morton Sobell, who has sentenced to 30 years, have filed a new petition with the Supreme Court, asking that the sentence and sentences be set aside.

The defense brief pointed out that the Rosenbergs were sentenced to death "not under color of an 'existing' statute, but that the government might avoid the need for the execution if no proof could be made the weapons had been used."

It pointed out that the prosecution relied the "Communist" term in the trial, although no real proof that the Rosenbergs were communists was offered, even though as recently as a few weeks ago a U. S. Appeals Court affirmed the traditional concept that communist membership cannot be used to legitimize espionage.

This was in the recent Luther case.

The brief declared that the death sentences were outrageous and the sentence cast suspicion on the trial itself because they were clearly a case of making the crime fit the punishment. The Judge, the brief pointed out, went beyond the instructions to arrive at the death sentence, by charging that the Rosenbergs intended to "injure" the United States. The indictment states charges that the Rosenbergs intended to aid the Soviet Union, which is all. No other government official, except Judge Kaufman, the brief said, ever expressed the fantastic opinion that the Rosenbergs had caused the Korean War.

"A shocking departure from the American tradition of equal and impartial treatment," the brief declared. "And the inconsistency between these sentences and the punishment imposed on others, according to the government, more gravity, made the magnitude of the abuse of the power of the sentencing judge in the extreme." It charged that the court had exceeded its discretionary power.

For this reason, the petition's author of an unnamed defendant called on the power of justice and freedom and the government's responsibility to the responsible and law-abiding citizens to issue a writ of habeas corpus.

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An Appeal to President Truman

DO NOT LET THE ROSENBERGS DIE!

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM INNOCENT OR GUILTY,

Ask Yourself These Questions:

Should Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, young Jewish parents of two small boys, die in the electric chair for allegedly giving information to an ally in World War III?

Why were the Rosenbergs sentenced to death at a time when we were showing leniency to traitors to our country? (Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose got 10-year sentences.) Our government forgave those who killed millions of Jews and murdered our boys in World War II! The Rosenbergs are the only Americans ever sentenced to death on this charge in the Federal Courts!

What if the future proves that the Rosenbergs were telling the truth when they said they were innocent? This has happened before. Remember Sacco and Vanzetti, Alfred Dreyfus, Scottsboro boys? Should the Rosenbergs be put to death and their children orphaned while a single doubt remains?

THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD says:

"Never has such a sentence been given when the assistance was given to an ally."

AN ORTHODOX RABBI says:

"I consider it my profound duty to address myself to friend and foe, to all, be they Jews or non-Jews, irrespective of institutional affiliation or political persuasion, to participate in the work of securing justice for the Rosenbergs and Sobell." RABBI DR. MEYER SHARFF

THE JEWISH DAY says:

"America dare not extinguish the lives of two young people . . . for a crime for which others received only prison terms."

A CATHOLIC PRIEST says:

"In the Rosenberg-Sobell case the U.S.A. has a unique chance to give leadership to the world by adopting the Christian way, by commuting and revising the sentences imposed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

FATHER CLARENCE E. DUFFY

"APPEAL-TO-THE-PRESIDENT" MEETING AT UNION SQUARE WED., OCTOBER 29

37th Street and 4th Avenue

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PROMINENT SPEAKERS OF ALL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FAITHS

WRITE TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN — Tell him: "SAVE THE ROSENBERGS!"

Auspices: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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TO _____
FROM COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
SUBJECT INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Rosenberg Rally - 10/29/57 - Gen. Rel. Place

Expenses

Hall Rental	260.00
Tickets.....	48.32
Publicity.....	70.00
Leaflets (25,000 !)	142.04
Fee - Dr. Du Bois	50.00
Telephone	20.00
Photos	15.00
Stationery	10.00
Envelopes for collection.....	3.61
Tips	15.00
Taxis and miscellaneous supplies.....	5.00
Ads (already paid).....	<u>391.10</u>

1035.07

- 1015.07

385.38

Expenses to be paid

300.45

Ads - approximately	160.38	160.38
Taxes	120.00	120.00
Pianist.....	5.00	5.00
	2014	-\$1319.07
		1.12

Total Expenses

Income

Collection	1881.49
Additional contribute thru 10/29	<u>8.25</u> 1889.74

Admissions

Advance sales	44.75
Door sales	445.25
Payments following meeting	<u>42.85</u> 556.85

Total Income through 10/29 \$2442.59 244

Total Expenses 1333.97 1330

Net income to date 1108.62 1108

Funds outstanding

Pledges - \$2	\$ 70.00
Tickets -	<u>450.00</u> (approximately)

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1148.14 - 25% = 287.04

140.70 = 225.62

- 1.31 224.29

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IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

FROM : INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SUBJECT:

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TO THE DELEGATES TO THE
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY CONVENTION --

When the history of the Rosenberg-Sobell Case is written, the generous support given to the campaign for justice by the members and leaders of the American Labor Party will occupy a position of deserved honor.

Your meetings, indoors and outdoors, on the case, your circulation of our Committee's literature, your financial assistance, and your collection of signatures to the Am. L. P. Brief have helped make a significant impact which might have otherwise been impossible.

We are now in what may be the last lap of our campaign for a new trial. In October we may learn the Supreme Court's decision.

We need not tell you that the life or death, freedom or imprisonment, of the Rosenbergs and Sobell may be the fore runner of the fate of millions of Americans.

We urge that you multiply your efforts on their -- and your -- behalf. The Rosenberg-Sobell case is a vital political case. The election campaign affords an opportunity to bring the case to millions of New York citizens.

We urge that in your deliberations today and every day -- you explore this opportunity to make the Rosenberg-Sobell Case an election issue, and in so doing help win for them and for all Americans freedom from the fear of death for believing in peace and progress.

Sincerely,

David Alman
David Alman
Executive Secretary

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 11/6/52

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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available identical mimeographed letters which contained the following message:

"NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

October 20, 1952.

Dear Sir:

"Julius and Ethel Rosenberg will die in the electric chair in a few weeks unless President Truman intervenes.

"All the political and legal arguments in this celebrated case mean nothing. What remains is the human question. Here are two people — husband and wife, father and mother — sentenced to death. The judgment need not be inflexible. We must plead for mercy.

"Already joining in this plea for mercy are religious leaders of all faiths, including:

Rev. FRANK GLENN WHITE, New York

Rev. AMOS MURPHY, Boston

Rev. HARRY F. WARD, Professor Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary.

Rabbi ABRAHAM CRONBACH, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Union College.

Father CLARENCE E. DUFFY, Catholic priest

Rabbi MEYER SHAPIFF, Temple Anshe Pokatilof, Brooklyn

Rev. SPENCER KENNARD, New York

Rev. T. E. BROWN, Progressive Baptist Church, Chicago

Rev. I. C. COLLINS, St. Mary Tabernacle, Baptist, Newark.

DOROTHY DAY, editor of the "Catholic Worker."

Rabbi BEN ZION BERGMAN, Los Angeles

Rev. CHARLES WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Albany

Rev. STEPHEN T. FRITCHMAN, Los Angeles

REG. MAIL

cc: New York (100-10711) REG. MAIL

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"We ask you to write immediately to President Harry S. Truman respectfully requesting him to exercise his right of executive clemency to commute the death sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

"We urge you to help us by letting us know what action you have taken..

Sincerely yours,
N. J. Committee for Clemency in the Rosenberg Case.

LEONARD TUSHNIT, M. D.
572 Prospect Street,
Maplewood, N.J."

On the reverse side of [REDACTED] copy was found a message in which [REDACTED] stated he had received the mimeographed letter 10/26/52. (b) 7(d)

[REDACTED] telephonically contacted Supervisor BLAKE TURNER regarding his copy of instant letter and forwarded it by cover letter dated 11/3/52 which contained the following message:

(b) 7(d)

"In accordance with my phone conversation with your Mr. Turner, I am enclosing a circular letter apparently sent to all the Clergymen of Newark in reference to the Rosenberg Case.

"The Father Clarence E. Duffy, Catholic Priest, mentioned in the enclosed letter cannot be found in the Catholic Directory for 1952."

The above two mimeographed letters are maintained in the files of the Newark Office.

The Newark Sunday News of 10/26/52 carried an article which reflected that the pastor and parishioners of the First Timothy Baptist Church on Rankin St., had sent a telegram to President Truman urging him to commute the death sentence of JULIUS and ANNE ROSENBERG convicted as atomic spies. The telegram was sent by Rev. T. F. WILSON Church Pastor, and persons present at a church service.

The Newark Evening News of 11/3/52 reflects that a mass meeting to appeal to President Truman for clemency for the ROSENBERGS will be held Thursday night in Wideway Hall, 929 Broad St., Newark, N.J., by the New Jersey Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs.

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"Dr. LEONARD TUSHNET of Irvington, Chairman of the Committee, said that speakers will be YURI SUHL, poet; and author of "One Foot in America"; and Dr. HARRY F. WARD, Professor Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary.

"Dr. TUSHNET asserted that citizens will be asked to send letters or telegrams urging commutation of the death sentences. Aside from any question of guilt or innocence, he said, the sentences are "savage" compared to the jail terms given other cases of persons involved in atomic cases. He pointed out that Dr. KLAUS FUCHS got 14 years, Dr. ALLAN MAY NUNN, 10 years, and DAVID GREENGLASS, 15 years."

It is noted that Dr. TUSHNET, a SI subject of the Newark Office (Bufile 100-204382), is a member of the National Committee of instant committee. The Essex County Branch of this committee was formed in Dr. TUSHNET's home in April, 1952, according to an article appearing in the 4/6/52 (page 1) issue of The Worker. Dr. TUSHNET was Chairman of the N.J. State Committee meeting of instant committee held 9/11/52 at Newark, N.J.

The above information may reflect a change in the name and objective of instant committee and is therefore submitted at this time for your information.

The Newark Office will cover the 11/6/52 meeting at Newark and is presently preparing a report covering activities of instant case in N.J.

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TO : COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

FROM : INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SUBJECT:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU AND NEW YORK

FBI, PHILA.

11-10-52

DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC DEFERRED

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - 8 DAILEY.

PH-82-S ADVISED TODAY THAT CAPTIONED COMMITTEE WILL SEND DELEGATION TO SEE PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS. INFORMANT WAS ADVISED THAT DATE FOR DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE NATIONAL IN SCOPE, HAS NOT BEEN SET BUT WILL DEPEND SOMEWHAT ON HOW FAST THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. JEAN FRANTJIS, SECRETARY OF PHILA. COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, HAS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT GOOD SIZE DELEGATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PHILA.

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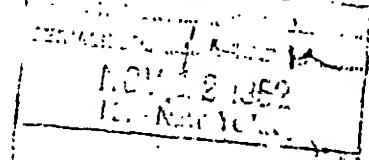
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for immediate release
November 7, 1952

SCIENTISTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN U.S. AND ABROAD JOIN ROSENBERG CLEMENCY APPEAL

"Mr. President, I strongly urge you to exercise executive clemency in the Rosenberg Case," states Prof. Anatol Rapoport, internationally famous biologist of the University of Chicago, in an appeal to President Truman, it was disclosed today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Similar statements were issued by Dr. Paul L. Whately, of Franklin and Marshall College, Dudley Collard, an outstanding British attorney, and Dr. Roland H. Bainton, of the Yale Divinity School.

The following are excerpts of their statements.

Dr. Anatol Rapoport, University of Chicago:

"Mr. President, I strongly urge you to exercise executive clemency in the Rosenberg Case. No one except the vengeful-minded and the petty-minded will blame you for this. To the vast majority, to those who have faith in the greatness of our heritage, your act will be an indication of your stature as a man and a leader."

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Dr. Roland E. Bainton, Yale Divinity School:

"I was shocked when I read that the death sentence had been imposed upon Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and I am glad to have the opportunity of saying a word which might have some influence in altering the sentence. ... In this instance, wholly apart from general considerations, I feel that the sentence is too severe because it is not commensurate with that meted out to others guilty of the same offense. I can see no other explanation than a wave of public hysteria following the exposure of several cases in succession. We should by no means allow ourselves to determine life and death in terms of emotions engendered by a succession of disillusionments."

Dudley Collard, Esq., London, England:

"Even if the guilt of ... Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were satisfactorily established, and I am far from being convinced that this is the case, I should be profoundly shocked at the passing upon them in time of grace of a sentence of death, which in my opinion is unworthy of any country with a claim to call itself civilized. My opinion is shared by all my professional colleagues at the Bar of England to whom I have spoken of the matter, irrespective of their political opinions."

Dr. Paul L. Whiteley, Franklin and Marshall College:

"Personally, I am opposed to capital punishment for any reason. But regardless of personal belief about principle, I should say from what I know of this case, that the death penalty for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg would be a gross miscarriage of justice. And certainly so long as there is a shadow of doubt about their guilt, they should not have to pay the supreme penalty."

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

November 13, 1952

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Re WFO teletype to Bureau dated November 3, 1952.

There are enclosed copies of handbill which was distributed in certain areas of Washington, D. C. advising of a public meeting of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case which was held at 8:30 p.m., November 6 (1952) in the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. The speakers at this meeting were JOSEPH BRAININ and WILLIAM A. REUBEN.

This meeting was covered by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who will submit a report pertaining to the meeting. However, this Informant advised that at the maximum, two hundred people attended this meeting. (b) 7(d)

The above referred to circulars are being forwarded to New York and the Bureau for their information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/14/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/28; 6/6, 27; 7/7; 10/20, 28/52	REPORT MADE BY MAHLON E. COLLER BLS
TITLE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Public meeting held 5/8/52,
at Jewish Cultural Center, 2705
Joy Rd., Detroit, Mich., addressed
by WILLIAM REUBEN, reporter for the
"National Guardian."

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant Detroit [redacted], of known reliability, furnished the Detroit Division with material received by mail, concerning a meeting to be held on May 8, 1952, sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York. The material received by [redacted] consisted of one mimeographed letter headed, "Committees to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," showing the address, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York. The letter was signed "Detroit Committee for the Rosenbergs." The form letter asked that the recipient read the enclosures carefully. The enclosures were a four page pamphlet, entitled "The Rosenberg Case, a fact sheet," published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and a sheet entitled, "A Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case: Newspaper Comment."

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[redacted]
received an announcement by mail that "the noted reporter of the National Guardian - WILLIAM REUBEN will speak on the real story of the Rosenberg Case." The meeting was to be held May 8, 1952, at 8:30 P.M. at the Halevey Music Center, 13965 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan.

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(DE 100-20938)

b7D [REDACTED] stated that on arriving at the Halevey Music Center, it was announced that the meeting would be held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road. It was determined that Dr. WILLIAM KLEIN, 228 Webb, Detroit, Michigan, handles the rental of the Halevey Music Center. A woman who identified herself as MARTHA GLEICHER rented the hall for May 8, 1952, advising that the meeting was a private affair and no organization was involved. Dr. WILLIAM KLEIN ascertained the nature of the group holding the meeting from the Jewish Welfare Board and as the people started to arrive, he announced that a mistake had been made and that he had rented the hall to another group. The ROSENBERG people then demanded to know who else had rented the hall and Dr. KLEIN replied that no one had rented it but that he would not permit the hall to be used by a "bunch of Communists."

b7D [REDACTED] stated that WILLIAM REUBEN based his talk entirely on the fact sheet previously mentioned, and dwelt at length on the point that the ROSENBERGS had stolen the secrets of the Atom Bomb for an ally and therefore, an injustice was being done if they were executed. Confidential Informant Detroit [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the following known Communist Party members planned to attend the May 8, 1952 meeting: ANN CANLEY, presently the Subject of a deportation proceeding by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Detroit, and wife of NAT CANLEY, indicted under the Smith Act of 1940 at Detroit; and HELEN SIMON, co-editor of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker." [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The May 18, 1952 issue of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker," on page 8, column 3, contained an article entitled, "ROSENBERGS Scheduled to Die!" The article reported the May 8, 1952 meeting, address by WILLIAM REUBEN, and stated that 200 had attended the meeting. [REDACTED] described "The Michigan Edition-The Worker," as a communist publication.

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The June 15, 1952 issue of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker," contained an article on page 8, column 1, entitled, "Destroy Anti-Semitism, Save the ROSENBERGS!", under the by-line of ARTHUR McPHAUL, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order number 9335. This article read in part as follows:

"The reactionaries of our country have opened an attack against the Jewish people that is not taken seriously enough. If the real meaning of this attack is not understood and action taken to stop it now, it is going to develop into proportions such existed in Hitler - Germany a decade ago.

Therefore, we Negro mothers and fathers must clearly understand that the conviction and sentencing to death of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on frame-up charges of spying was not meant just for the ROSENBERGS, but was aimed at the whole Jewish people. It is an attempt to spread the master race theory of brutality to include not only the 15 and one half million negroes, but the six million Jews in the United States. This increases the danger to the Negro people's fight for full citizenship. It is intended to divide the two people against fascist oppression."

b7D [redacted] advised that on September 30, there was received in the mail a form letter from the Detroit Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. The envelope bore the return address, 1442 Griswold, Room 303, Detroit 26. It is noted that this is the address of the Civil Rights Congress. The letter contained an appeal for funds with a self addressed return envelope, addressed to Mrs. PAT RUSH, 4076 Burlingame, Detroit 4. The letter also contained a mailing piece published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, entitled "A Statement in the Rosenberg Case by a Distinguished Leader of Orthodox Jewry - Rabbi Dr. MEYER SHARFF.

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DAY PT CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
IS DASH C. THE NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST EDITION OF THE CHICAGO
DAILY TRIBUNE CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO ENTITLED QUOTE
FIVE HUNDRED AT MEETING, RAP APPEAL TO AID ROSENBERGS. UNQUOTE
THE ARTICLE STATES MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED A
MEETING ON THE EIGHT OF NOVEMBER THIRTEEN LAST AT HAMILTON HOTEL,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO RAP PLANS FOR AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN
FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY FOR JULIUS AND ERNST ROSENBERG. THE
ARTICLE QUOTED PROFESSOR STEPHEN LOVETT OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL AS TELLING THE AUDIENCE QUOTE YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE
YOU CAN'T HELP YOURSELF'S SINCE YOU FEEL A TREMENDOUS SENSE OF
INJUSTICE. UNQUOTE THE ARTICLE STATES HAROLD J. SOSA WAS CHAIRMAN
OF THIS MEETING AND THE COLLECTION NETTED FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.

[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ORALLY (b) 7(d)
ADVISED SA CHARLES T. HAYNES ON NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST THAT HE
ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED THE
QUOTE MERCY RALLY FOR THE ROSENBERGS UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

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INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENT
WERE KNOWN TO HIM TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNIST
PARTY ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT DAVID
ALMAN, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, AND MRS. IDELLUMPLES ADDRESSED THE GROUP.
IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IDELLUMPLES IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHICAGO
WOMEN FOR PEACE WHICH IS THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN
FOR PEACE, WHICH HAS BEEN CITED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS
COMING WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NINE EIGHT THREE FIVE.

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[REDACTED] THE INFORMANT
ALSO ADVISED A COLLECTION WAS TAKEN AT THE RALLY TO PURCHASE
RADIO AND TELEVISION TIME TO CARRY THE ROSENBERG CASE TO THE
PEOPLE.

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Re: file 100-10711

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As per my telephone
conversation with one of your agents
am forwarding herewith the printed
matter we received in the mail.

We resent being on a mailing list
of this sort and ask you please to
try and stop same.

Thanking you for your attention
on this matter

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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COMPLAINT FORM

Julius & Ethel Rosenberg
~~Re: Rosenberg Case~~

Subject's Name and Aliases

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Name of Complainant

Address of Complainant

Telephone Number of Complainant

Date and Time Complaint Received

Address of Subject

~~East 105th Street - B.~~

Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: *105-1111-1*

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant telephonically advised that while shopping tonight in the neighborhood of 254-255 th St., Union Turnpike, Bronx, N.Y., he observed individuals passing out pamphlets titled: "It's Up To You - Don't Let the Rosenbergs Die". The pamphlet indicated they represented the "Queens Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - 105-1111-1". Complainant had no further information regarding individuals. He was thanked for the information and told it would be made a matter of record.

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J. J. Kennedy
Special Agent

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SAN FRANCISCO 11/18/52 4:15 P.M.

DIRECTOR AM BLD.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, INC.

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[REDACTED] HAVE ADVISED [REDACTED]
THAT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED THE ROSENBERG MASS RALLY
SPONSORED BY THE NY COMMITTEE AT ONE FIVE EIGHTY GOLDEN GATE AVE., SF,
ON NOV. SIXTEENTH LAST. THE TENOR OF ALL SPEECHES WAS THAT THE PENALTY
OF THE ROSENBERGS, WHETHER GUILTY OR NOT, IS TOO SEVERE AND INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT WERE GOING TO COMMUNICATE WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN. THE MEETING
SUCCEEDED IN RAISING NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN FUNDS THROUGH A GENERAL
COLLECTION.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 19, 1952

BOSTON, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY C. DAYLEY.

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ADVISED CONFERENCE TO OUTLINE THE MOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS IN BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, HELD NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN AT CRC HEADQUARTERS, NYC, AND WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CRC, TRADE UNIONS AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS. SPEAKERS INCLUDED DR. EDWARD BARSKY OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN AMNESTY FOR SMITH ACT VICTIMS, JAMES MALLEY OF THE MARSH DIVISION, AMNESTY COMMITTEE, CPT. RODA MILLAS, QUEENS ALP, JACK DEVINE, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON AND ELAINE ROSS ALL OF CRC. ALL SPEAKERS CALLED FOR CONTINUED CAMPAIGNS FOR AMNESTY FOR "POLITICAL PRISONERS", AND CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS. LATTER ACTIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS INTRICATE PART OF THE OVERALL FIGHT FOR REPEAL OF SMITH ACT. BARSKY EMPHASIZED NECESSITY OF SECURING MORE TRADE UNION BACKING AND FILM PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGNS AND REQUESTED SUPPORT FOR "AMNESTY" CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE PM, HOTEL BREVOORT, NYC. PATTERSON SPOKE FAVORABLY UP HIS RECEIPT DURING HIS RECENT TOUR OF WEST COAST.

- 1 - Bureau
- 1 - Los Angeles (AN REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (AN 34-1777-17)
- 1 - NY 100-110312 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN AMNESTY FOR SMITH ACT VICTIMS)
- 1 - NY 100-81752 (CP 34-187)
- 1 - NY 100-89691 (CP. USA. DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES)

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AND DESCRINED "PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS" IN THAT AREA AS STRONGER THAN IN NYC.
GROUPS PRESENT WERE ORGED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AMNESTY CAMPAIGN BY SOLICITATION
TICKETS AND THROUGH HOLDING LOCAL HOUSE PARTIES. CRC DISTRIBUTING
FLAMPHLETS, SOLICITING PARTICIPATION IN ONE OR MORE OF DELEGATIONS BEING
PLANNED TO VISIT PRISONERS DURING BILDAY BREAK. CRC LOCALLY TENTITIVELY
PLANNING EXELEGATIONS TO VISIT ETHEL AND JULIA ROSENBERG, DECEMBER
FOURTEEN, BEN DAVIS, OSCAR DENKIS AND ROSA LIGGAN ON DECEMBER TWENTY THREE
JACK STACHEL AND GEORGE CLAYSON, DECEMBER FIFTEEN FOUR NEXT. DELEGATION
WILL PETITION FOR "SPECIAL PRIVILEGES" FOR PRISONERS STATE CLAIM THEY
ARE "POLITICAL PRISONERS". CRC FEELS THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO
CHARACTER DELEGATION WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE PRISONERS OR THAT SPECIAL
PRIVILEGES WOULD BE GRANTED IT WOULD SERVE AS GOOD PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN FOR THE "POLITICAL AMNESTY DRIVE". ISADORE REUVE, SMITH ACT
SUBJECT RECENTLY ACQUITTED BY DIRECTIVE OF COURT AT NYC WAS PRESENT AT
CONFERENCE [REDACTED]

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BOARDMAN

100-107111-210

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: November 19, 1952

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11720)

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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A review of the files of the St. Louis Division reflect the following information concerning the above captioned subject which has not yet been submitted to your division.

All informants mentioned in this letter are live undisclosed informants of known reliability, unless otherwise described.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch on Monday, January 28, 1952, contained an advertisement by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which solicited contributions for the committee and suggested writing for copies of the pamphlet, "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," writing to President TRUMAN and Attorney General Mc GOWAN asking that justice be done in the Rosenberg Case, and to write or call for speakers.

On April 16, 1952, [REDACTED] (confidential source) furnished SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS a pamphlet entitled, "The Rosenberg Case, A Fact Sheet" which was published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which was given to [REDACTED] by an unknown student at Washington University who was circulating this pamphlet. (b) 7(d)

On April 25, 1952, [REDACTED] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR., that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], at which a paper was passed around for signatures for the petition on the Rosenbaum Case, and money was solicited to enable them to get a new trial in the Supreme Court. (b) 7(d)

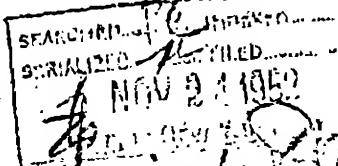
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR., on May 20, 1952, [REDACTED] the following pamphlets had been distributed which were entitled as follows: "The Rosenberg Case, A Fact Sheet," and "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case," by WILLIAM A. HUBBEN, both of which were published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. (b) 7(d)

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[redacted] told SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, Jr., on May 20, 1952 [redacted]

[redacted] copies of "Amicus

Brief in the Rosenberg Case" had been passed around for all those present to sign.

(b) 7(d)

On May 20, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, Jr., that he had received a one-page leaflet on April 22, 1952 which was captioned, "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" and subcaptioned, "A Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case: Newspaper Comment." (b) 7(d)

On June 2, 1952, [redacted] advised SA EDMUND C. MELTON he had received the following pamphlet through the mail from the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP) on "The Rosenberg Case, A Fact Sheet." Informant also stated that on the same date he received a leaflet from the St. Louis Chapter of the NCASP, which was entitled, "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" and subcaptioned, "A Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case." [redacted] stated that "some of the past and present members" of the St. Louis Chapter NCASP have been and presently are members of the Communist Party.

(b) 7(d)

[redacted] also advised SA EDMUND C. MELTON on June 2, 1952, he has received a mimeographed leaflet published by the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announcing a meeting on Thursday, April 17, 1952 at 8:30 p.m. at 626 North Vandeventer at which DAVID ALMAN, Chairman, Executive Secretary of the Committee and neighbor of the ROSENBERGS for years would present the facts about the case. This leaflet stated all communications should be directed to MARY FERGUSON, Chairman, 1225 Goodfellow Avenue, St. Louis.

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On April 29, 1952, [redacted] advised SA WALTER A. HILGENDAHL of the following material which he had received and furnished it to him: (b) 7(d)

1. A mimeographed flier issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This flier contained statements from various individuals pertaining to the death sentence meted to the ROSENBERGS.
2. A pamphlet issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case which is entitled, "The Rosenberg Case, A Fact Sheet."
3. A mimeographed flier issued by the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announcing a meeting on April 17, 1952 at 626 North Vandeventer, St. Louis, at which one of the speakers listed was DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary of the National Committee.

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[redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR., that at a meeting of [redacted] held on [redacted] there were several petitions. "Amicus Brief in the Rosenberg Case" and a container for donations in evidence.

(b) 7(d)

On August 4, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CARL H. O'CONNOR that he had received by mail on August 2, 1952 a typewritten letter dated July 31, 1952 on "letterhead" of the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1455 Rowan Street, St. Louis 12, Missouri under the signature of MARY E. FERGUSON, Chairman, which contained an enclosure, "A Call to Conference" by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case which announced a Midwestern conference to be held on August 17, 1952. (b) 7(d)

On August 5, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CARL H. O'CONNOR that he had received the same material concerning the Midwestern conference. (b) 7(d)

[redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR., August 12, 1952 that a meeting of the Progressive Party of Missouri which was held [redacted] that a statement had been made asking people to come to Chicago to a conference to help the ROSENBERGS. (b) 7(d)

[redacted] has stated that the Progressive Party of Missouri since its inception has been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party. (b) 7(d)

On August 13, 1952, [redacted] (confidential source) advised SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS that he had received a letter concerning a conference to be held in Chicago on Sunday, August 17, 1952, regarding the Rosenberg Case, and requesting that all contributions be sent to the St. Louis Rosenberg Committee, MARY E. FERGUSON, Chairman, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. (b) 7(d)

On August 1, 1952, [redacted] advised SA JOHN S. CONNOR that on July 30, 1952, [redacted]

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[REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

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[REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

The informant stated that the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee had been formed to help raise bail and defense funds for the five indicted Smith Act subjects in St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

All exhibits mentioned in this letter are being maintained in the IA exhibit envelopes of 100-11726. Inasmuch as it is assumed that the New York Division already has copies of all the exhibits mentioned in this letter, no copies are being forwarded at this time. However, copies of these exhibits will be furnished to the New York Office upon request.

For the purpose of documentation, reports from security informants mentioned in this letter are filed in chronological order in their corresponding files set out below:

[REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DATE: November 19, 1952

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
 FROM IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL 

CSNY 48, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26 Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the Civil Rights Congress, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual Communist Party members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received November 17, 1952

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SA E. K. DEANE AND SE D. A. CHESSHIR

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
246 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 1 MO 5 2144

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEB. 29, 1952

PEALS COURT ROSENBERG DECISION ENDANGERS LIBERTIES AND LIVES. FULL REPORT OF DECISION TO BE AIRED AT MARCH 12 PUBLIC MEETING.

"The Circuit Court decision upholding the verdict and sentence in the Rosenberg case confirms our fears that blind hysteria and political passion motivated the trial, verdict, and sentence," the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case said today.

"Like the prosecutor and judge, the higher court, in the absence of proof of guilt of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, based its decision instead on considerations of foreign policy, the Korean war, anti-communism at home and abroad, etc.

"The Court admits that charges of communism, leveled by the Rosenbergs, 'can be highly inflammatory in a jury trial', but allows these unsupported charges because 'one may reasonably infer that (communists are) more likely to spy...'.

"The Court admits that in times of high hysteria, a judge's warnings against bias may be 'no more than an empty ritual', but will not reverse the verdict because 'this danger is one of the risks run in a trial by jury...', and suggests that the defendants might have been better off if they agreed to a trial by a judge alone!.

"The Court admits that the Rosenbergs were convicted solely on the unsupported testimony of the Greenglass, saying, 'Doubtless, if that testimony were disregarded, the conviction could not stand'. But the Court ignores the utter improbability that David Greenglass, a machinist who admitted failing 8 out of 8 technical courses, could draw a blueprint of the atom bomb from memory (admitting that he had never seen such a blueprint to remember).

"The Court admits that the death sentences against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg may not have rested solely on the alleged crime with which they were charged, but instead on the judge's 'evaluation of a host of factors', and conceded that, if it had the power, it might give 'serious consideration' to altering the death sentences.

"The Court failed to protect the Rosenbergs from the hysteria which it admitted was a factor, and promulgated two doctrines that place the liberty and lives of millions of Americans in jeopardy; namely, that certain political views can become the basis for accusations of espionage and sentences of death; and that defendants in such trials cannot expect the protection of higher courts if they avail themselves of their right to a trial by jury.

Several of the verdict and sentence has therefore become a matter of life and liberty to all Americans. This is particularly true for the Jewish people

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who already sense in great numbers that there is something ominous in the fact that in the city of New York, one third Jewish, not a single Jewish juror was permitted to sit on the case, and that the first death sentence ever imposed by a civil court on a charge of alleged espionage was reserved for a Jewish couple. These fears are not put to rest by the fact that the trial prosecutor and judge, and the writer of the higher court's opinion, are Jewish. There are unfortunate examples in the history of every people of individuals who permit themselves to become a party to injuries inflicted on their own people.

"Finally, we protest the impression that has been given to the general public that the Rosenbergs and Norton Sobell based their appeal on a plea for clemency. They have asserted their utter innocence from the beginning, and continue to do so now.

"We urge our fellow citizens to write to President Truman, to U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, and to their Senators and Congressmen, to ask that every power of government be used to reverse the tragic and biased verdict and sentence."

The Committee simultaneously announced that the full import of the shocking decision would be aired at a public meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 8 PM, at Pythian Hall, 135 W 70 St. Prominent speakers will appear. Admission is 60 cents. Among the committee's sponsors are Rabbi Louis D. Gross, editor of the Jewish Examiner, Hon. Robert Morss Lovett, former Governor of the Virgin Islands, Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, eminent Negro scholar and historian, Waldo Frank, well known author and critic, and over a 100 other prominent Americans.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed.

Yours very truly,

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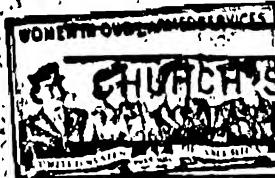
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Harrington

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Mr. R. Dana Chase

NOREQLK TERMINALS
DIVISION OF
STEVENSON & YOUNG, INC.
149 CEDAR STREET
NEW YORK 6, N.Y.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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DATE: 11/19/52

FROM

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:

Re: National Committee to
Secure Justice in the
Rosenthal Case

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() CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received 11/19/52

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit J. C. G. S. H. B. and T. P. E. L. B. S.

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Description of exhibit: see attached?

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PRESS RELEASE

OCTOBER 9, 1952.

The Phila. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announces that Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell who was convicted with Ethel & Julius Rosenberg, and sentenced to 30 years for alleged espionage, will be the main speaker at a public meeting to secure public support for justice in the Rosenberg Case, on Tuesday, October 14th at 5 p. m. in Town Hall, Broad & E. Streets, Philadelphia, Penna.

Mrs. Jean D. Frantje, Secretary of the Phila. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, announced that David Alman, Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case will speak also; and that Marjorie DaSilva and her troupe will perform in a dramatic sketch based on the letters between Ethel and Julius Rosenberg while in prison.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are in the death cell awaiting execution for "conspiracy to commit espionage". The Rosenbergs were given the unprecedented and savage sentence of death (the first time ever done so by a civilian court and also the first recorded peace-time sentence) after being convicted on testimony by perjurors and self-confessed spies who got off with little or no punishment. An appeal is now before the Supreme Court, and the decision whether the Court will hear the case is due to be handed down next week.

Mrs. Frantje urged all Philadelphians interested in their own freedom, and in securing justice for the Rosenbergs, and their co-defendant, Morton Sobell, to attend the meeting. She declared, "The Rosenbergs are ordinary folk, and were not leaders in any political, social or economic movement. The danger exists, if the decision against them is not reversed, that past, present or future views on social issues of Americans will become the basis of wild accusations, imprisonment and even death".

She said, "Our Phila. Committee, one of many such committees throughout the country, is founded on the premise that the trial of the Rosenbergs was carried on in an atmosphere of cold-war hysteria, and that the evidence, based wholly on the uncorroborated testimony of a self-confessed spy, did not prove that the Rosenbergs committed espionage". Noted religious leaders have joined in the fight for justice in the Rosenberg Case, such as Dr. Carl Clarendon, Rev. Dr. John C. Stott, Rev. Dr. W. H. Brewster, Rev. Clarence L. Duffy, Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharf, Rev. T. L. Brown & others. Rev. plodged the support of his 2,000 parishioners to the efforts being made for a new trial. Rabbi Abraham Grobman, the Rev. J. C. O'Neil and Rev. Reginald Pace, as well as many other well-known persons in public life", she said.

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"MIDNIGHT VISITOR" - a dramatic sketch
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Nelson, Eartha Kitt, Schlesinger, Helen Sobell, and others

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Thank you very much, Claire.
Enclosed are 15 tickets and
some leaflets. I know
you'll do what you can
with them.

Regards

John Tesseran

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An Appeal to President Truman

DO NOT LET THE ROSENBERGS DIE!

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM INNOCENT OR GUILTY.

Ask Yourself These Questions:

Should Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, young Jewish parents of two small boys, die in the electric chair for allegedly giving information to an ally in World War II?

Why were the Rosenbergs sentenced to death at a time when we were showing leniency to traitors to our country? (Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose got 10-year sentences.) Our government forgave those who killed millions of Jews and murdered our boys in World War II! The Rosenbergs are the only Americans ever sentenced to death on this charge in the Federal Courts!

What if the future proves that the Rosenbergs were telling the truth when they said they were innocent? This has happened before. Remember Sacco and Vanzetti, Alfred Dreyfus, Scottsboro boys? Should the Rosenbergs be put to death and their children orphaned while a single doubt remains?

The JEWISH DAILY FORWARD says:

"Never has such a sentence been given when the assistance was given to an ally."

AN ORTHODOX RABBI says:

"I consider it my profound duty to address myself to friend and foe, to all, be they Jews or non-Jews, irrespective of institutional affiliation or political persuasion, to participate in the work of securing justice for the Rosenbergs and Sobell." RABBI DR. MEYER SHARF

THE JEWISH DAY says:

"America dare not extinguish the lives of two young people . . . for a crime for which others received only prison terms."

A CATHOLIC PRIEST says:

"In the Rosenberg-Sobell case the U.S.A. has a unique chance to give leadership to the world by adopting the Christian way, by commuting and revising the sentences imposed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

FATHER CLARENCE E. DUFFY

"APPEAL-TO-THE-PRESIDENT" MEETING AT UNION SQUARE WED., OCTOBER 29

17th Street and 4th Avenue

AFTER WORK—4:30-7:00 P.M.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS OF ALL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FAITHS

WRITE TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN — Tell him: "SAVE THE ROSENBERGS!"

Auspices: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
1050 Sixth Ave., New York 18, N. Y. Telephone: BRyant 9-9694

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Arthur Pollock
Paul Robeson
Martin Wolfson

November 10th, 1952

Dear Friends:

The Rosenbergs face death.

We cannot allow this savage sentence, unprecedented in all of American history to be carried out.

We cannot allow the Rosenbergs to die while grave doubts persist and multiply as to the fairness of their trial.

We cannot allow another Sacco and Vanzetti execution in our time.

Only the urgent appeal for clemency of good people throughout our country can save them now.

Join with us at a

THEATRE RALLY TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS

TIME: Wednesday, November 19th, 8:30 PM

PLACE: Palm Garden, 306 West 52d Street

Order your tickets at once by filling out the blank below and returning it to the above address. Or reserve tickets by calling Murray Hill 7-5360. May we hear from you immediately?

Sincerely,

Peter Lawrence
Peter Lawrence
for the THEATRE RALLY

Please send _____ tickets at \$1.00 each for the THEATRE RALLY TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS.

Enclosed is check for \$ _____. Check will be sent upon receipt of tickets _____.
NAME _____

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עוֹזֵינָעַן גַּעֲלִין בְּלוֹזֶן וְאַקְנָעַן צְוָעַדְעַן זְיַצְדָּקָה לְעַתָּה
לְזִי טָהָן נִטְאַמְגָעַבָּרָאַבָּט הוּעָדָן!

פָּאָגַע שָׁעַ מְלָחָמָה פָּאוּבָרָצָבָעַךְ
וּוְצָדָן בָּאָפְרִיְּט. "קְסִים סָאָלִי" אָנוּ
טָאָקִיא רָאוֹת" הָאָבוֹן בְּלוֹזֶן גַּעַץ
קְדָמָן 50 יָאוֹ פָּאוֹ שְׂזָפְקָלָעָכָן פָּאָחָאַט

פָּאָרוּוָאָס הָאָטָמָעַן זִי
וּוְעַנְבָּעָהָגָה פָּאָדְמָשָׁפָט זָוָס טְוִוִּיטָה?

פָּאָרוּוָאָס אֵיךְ נִשְׁתְּגַעַוּעַן קִין?
אַיְצְיַגְעַד אָז אַיְן דָּעַךְ דִּשְׁוָרוֹי?

פָּאָרוּוָאָס חַיל צְפָז אַטְיוֹזָן דִּשְׁעַרְעַזָּאָל
נִשְׁתְּגַעַוּעַן צְוָן קִין נִיכְסָפָרָאַצָּז?

דָּעַךְ מִשְׁנִיגָּג אֵית אַלְאַנְשִׁיָּת פָּעַן דָּעַם
בְּלָאָנִיְּנִילָאָל אַסְטָן נִיז אַרְקָעָן קָאַמְשָׁעָט
אוֹ גְּעַוְוִיְּגָעָן גְּעַלְפְּנִיטִיגְּקִיְּשָׁט פָּאָל
זִי לְאַעֲנָבָעָהָס

צְוָיָשָׁן זִי "סָפָרְדוּס" פָּונְדָעַם דָּאַיְגָעַ
קָאַמְשָׁעָט גְּעַפְּרִינְגָן זִיְּצָרָעָלְכָעַ
פְּוָאָמִירְגָּנְמָטָע פְּעַלְעָעָלְיִיכְּקִיטָן זַיִן
דָּאַבְּגָעָט מַאֲלָה לְאַעֲוָעָט, זַיִן אַבְּ. זַיִן אַבְּ.
פְּלָאַפְּעָסָאָד בְּצָלִי בְּנוּגָמָם, זַיִן פְּלָאַפְּעָסָאָד
זַיִן אַלְאַדְבָּצָזָג, פְּלָאַפְּעָסָאָד אַפְּרָים קָאַס
אַיְן אַגְּדָעָלְעַט

גְּרוֹזִיסְבָּר

מַאֲסָן מִישְׁנָה

מִיטְוֹאָזָן **22 אַקְטָוּבָרָעָה**

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פְּרַטְמִינְדָּר פְּאַלְאָס
505 סָאַטְמָדָר פְּתָעָנָן בְּוּקָלִין

זִי לְעַדְגָּעָד וְעַלְן זַיִן:

חַרְבָּדָר מַאְיד שָׁאָרָף
מַדָּס. מַאְרְטָאָן סָאַבְּנָל
מַרְמָס. גְּלָאָרִיא עֲגָרִין
מַרְמָס. בְּנָסִי מִיטְשָׁעָל

עוֹזֵוּט אַזְיִגְגָּפִוּזָת וְעַדְן אַ
לְיִכְעַט קִינְסְטְלָעְרִישָׁפָט פְּרָאַגְּזָאָס
מִשְׁעַן אַגְּנִיְּלָעָן בְּעַטְיִי סְפָנְדָעָס אַיְן אַזְגָּדָעָס
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Joseph Brainin,
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David Alman,
Executive Secretary

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246 Fifth Avenue
Room 441
New York 1, N.Y.
MURRAY HILL 5-2144

FOR RELEASE

MARCH 3, 1952

ROSENBERGS CALL APPEALS COURT DECISION "POLITICAL"

PRIZE WINNING NOVELIST WARNS AGAINST SPILLING "BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT"

Calling the U.S. Appeals Court's decision upholding the verdicts and death sentences a product of "high political hysteria", Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, now in Sing Sing's death house, said they share the faith of thousands of Americans "that the truth will be known before it is too late," it was announced today by the Nat'l Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case.

The Committee also revealed that Nelson Algren, winner of the National Bookseller's Award for his Man With The Golden Arm, has said that execution of the Rosenbergs would be taking "the blood of the innocent."

"I should like to state," Mr. Algren said, "that this whole business is straight out of Cotton Mather - the execution of a decent man and woman for non-conformity; no evidence of guilt beyond what has yet been established... Exactly as though, as a nation, our conscience is so troubled that we hope to gain peace of mind by offering the blood of the innocent. It is nothing less than medieval."

•(mdre)•

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE

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Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg's statement follows:

"Upholding the verdict and death sentences against us does not alter the fact that we are innocent of any crime.

"The death sentence itself is proof of the high political hysteria in which we were tried.

"Now the Appeals Court, swayed by the passions of the moment, tries to make the verdict and sentence acceptable to the public mind by 'finding' what was never 'found' at our trial, that we were 'Communists'.

"We can't help but fear for the lives of millions of Americans, parents like ourselves, who by the simple process of being labelled 'Communist', can be made to face what we face today - and for as little reason.

"We are innocent. We know that thousands of Americans, and their number is growing, believe in our innocence. They are working for our vindication. We share their faith that the truth will be known before it is too late."

A large public rally on the Rosenberg Case will be held on March 12, at Pythian Hall, 135 W 70 St., NYC, at 8 PM, at which men and women prominent in American life will give their views on the case.

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ROSENBERGS SIGNIFY CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VINDICATION.

COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUPREME EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR LIVES, MEETINGS SCHEDULED.

Stating that they "will continue in our determination to expose the political frame-up perpetrated against us", Ethel and Julius Rosenberg today predicted that the American people "will save us, and themselves, from this conspiracy to put to death innocent Americans".

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case called for a supreme effort to save the lives of the Rosenbergs by public and private appeal to President Truman to exercise Executive Clemency, and to instruct his Attorney General to consent to any new motions that may be made in the case.

A series of great public meetings are already underway, beginning with a meeting in Philadelphia on October 14 at Town Hall, Broad and Race St.; Brooklyn on October 22; Manhattan on October 23; Teaneck, New Jersey on October 26; Cleveland on November 8; Boston on November 9; Bronx on November 19. Other meetings will be announced shortly.

The Committee termed the Supreme Court refusal to hear the case a "disappointment to the many scores of thousands of Americans who have petitioned for a new trial in the Rosenberg-Schwartz case, and to millions more who are shocked by the un-

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precedented death sentences. We will continue making every effort to win a new trial for the Rosenbergs and Sobell, and we will make every effort to save their lives against the moment when it becomes impossible to deny the justice of our claim that their trial was devoid of those guarantees of fairness which should be taken for granted in our courts.

"We cannot have two kinds of justice in our country, one for confessed and convicted Nazi traitors, who receive 10 year sentences, and another for ordinary people like the Rosenbergs, who have maintained their innocence from the outset, and who receive death sentences. What the Supreme Court has not done, the American people must do. A new trial must be won for the Rosenbergs and Sobell."

TEXT OF ROSENBERG'S STATEMENT ATTACHED:

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3:15	182 St. and Crotona Parkway
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CHURCHMAN MAGAZINE JOINS ROSENBERG CLEMENCY APPEAL.

NEW YORK MEETING NOVEMBER 13 AND NOVEMBER 19

The Rosenberg death sentences are "excessive and cruel," declares the Churchman in its latest issue, the National Committee To Secure Justice In the Rosenberg Case said today.

The Churchman, a 160 year old Protestant Episcopal magazine called for clemency, saying "we believe that the execution of these two individuals will only hurt the name of the United States," and contrasts the sentences imposed on the Rosenbergs with "the far milder treatment" accorded persons convicted of more serious crimes.

The Committee announced that final preparations are under way for two major New York meetings, one in Brooklyn at the Biltmore Hall on November 13th, and one in the Bronx at New Terrace Gardens on November 19th.

The Churchman editorial (November 1, 1952) follows:

For the first time in the history of the United States two individuals are about to be executed for treason in peace time. They are Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, now in the death house at Sing Sing, convicted of having transmitted information on atomic fission to the Soviet Union.

(continued)

The Churchman is in no position to pass judgment on the guilt or the innocence of the Rosenbergs. We are concerned, however, because of two considerations involved in their case.

First, the information which they transmitted was given not to an enemy with whom the United States was at war but to an ally in that war. The sentencing judge stated openly that they should have known at that time that they were dealing with an enemy of their country. Isn't that to re-write history?

Second, it is a fact that Dr. Raymond Boyer, convicted of a similar crime in Canada, was sentenced by a Canadian court to imprisonment for two years; that Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who confessed to transmitting atomic information to the Soviet Union, was sentenced by a British court to imprisonment for fourteen years; and that David Greenglass and Harry Gold, each of whom confessed to being a "Soviet spy" at the same time that the Rosenbergs committed their offense, were sentenced by an American court to imprisonment for fifteen and thirty years respectively. Only the Rosenbergs, who appear by any reasonable standard to have been small fry alongside such brilliant physicists as Boyer and Fuchs, received the death sentence.

Many prominent individuals, including leaders of the two largest Jewish organizations in America and the editors of the largest Jewish newspaper, have asked for some mitigation of this excessive sentence. It is legally possible for the Supreme Court to review the magnitude of the sentence, or for the sentencing judge to reduce it. As a final and last resort, there is the executive power of the President to exercise clemency.

The Churchman feels that the death sentence, in the light of the far milder treatment of more serious offenders than the Rosenbergs, is both excessive and cruel. We believe that the execution of these two individuals will only hurt the name of the United States, and strengthen their cause as martyrs upon the altars of international communism. It will certainly be exploited in many nations as an example of unequal justice, motivated by the political factors involved. Readers who feel as we do may write to Judge Irving R. Kaufman, U.S. Court House, New York, requesting that he seriously consider a reduction of sentence in the interests of justice and mercy. Unless this is done, the execution of the Rosenbergs will take place within the next three weeks.

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BRITISH M.P., NEW ZEALAND RELIGIOUS LEADER SUPPORT ROSENBERG
CLEMENCY APPEAL.

STATING THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE METED OUT TO ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG IS INTENDED TO COVER "ALL THE ERRORS OF ALL THE STATESMEN OF THE WORLD", SYDNEY SILVERMAN, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT ASKED THAT THE SENTENCES BE SET ASIDE, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE DISCLOSED TODAY.

FROM NEW ZEALAND, THE VERY REV. C.W. CHANDLER, DEAN OF WAIKATE, WRITES "IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT A REPRIEVE WILL BE GRANTED TO BOTH THESE PEOPLE, IF NOT ON THE GROUNDS OF INNOCENCE IN ALL PARTICULARS, AT LEAST ON THE GROUNDS OF HUMAN JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY AS IN THIS INSTANCE, IT CONCERNs TWO JEWISH PEOPLE....."

MR. SILVERMAN'S LETTER STATES, IN PART:

"... I HAVE NO HESITATION AT ALL IN SAYING THAT I CONTEMPLATE WITH HORROR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE COULD REALLY BE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH A CASE BY ANY CIVILIZED COUNTRY, LEAST OF ALL BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UPON WHOM HISTORY HAS PLACED IN OUR TIME SO HEAVY A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF SO MANY NATIONS IN THE ONWARD MARCH OF CIVILIZATION. NO ONE SUGGESTS THAT THE ROSENBERGS PLAYED ANYTHING LIKE SO LARGE A PART AS MANY WHO HAVE GOT OFF WITH LIGHTER SENTENCES THAN

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THE DEAN OF WAIKATES' letter states, in part:

"...IN THE FIRST PLACE I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THESE TWO PERSONS WERE CONDEMNED, IS OF A VERY SLENDER CHARACTER. FURTHER, MUCH MORE LENIENT VERDICTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO, ON THEIR OWN CONFESSION, WERE GUILTY OF ESPIONAGE. I THINK OF FUCHS, GREENGLASS AND GOLD, WHO ONLY RECEIVED GAOL SENTENCES....IT WOULD BE CRUEL, INHUMAN AND BARBARIC IN THE EXTREME AND WOULD RAISE A STORM OF PROTEST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IF, ONE OF THE CHIEF PARTNERS IN THE WORLD'S DEMOCRATIC STATES, COUNTENANCED THE INFILCTION OF DEATH PENALTY, WHERE EVEN A MODICUM OF DOUBT EXISTED AS TO THE GUILT OF THE PERSONS CONCERNED...IT IS TO BE HOPEFUL THAT A REMIREE WILL BE GRANTED TO BOTH THESE PEOPLE, IF NOT ON THE GROUNDS OF INNOCENCE IN ALL PARTICULARS, AT LEAST ON THE GROUNDS OF HUMAN JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY AS IN THIS INSTANCE, IT CONCERNSS TWO JEWISH PEOPLE..."

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234	11-21-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	2	2	
235	11-21-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	3	3	
236	11-20-52	SF AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
237	11-20-52	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
237-A	11-20-52	SF REPORT	13	-	NY FILE # 65-15348

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238	11-21-52	PH LETTER TO NY	2	0	
238	11-21-52	PH LETTER TO NY (COPY)	2	0	
239	11-21-52	WFO TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	
239A	11-21-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
240	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
241	11-24-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
242	11-21-52	BA TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
242	11-21-52	BA TELETYPE TO HQ (copy)	1	1	DOD 5.17 NO CHARGE
242A	11-22-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
243	11-24-52	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
244	11-24-52	WFO TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	
244A	11-24-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	

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245	11-25-52	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
246	11-25-52	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	3	
247	11-25-52	SF AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
248	11-25-52	CIV TELETYPE TO HQ & NY	1	1	
249	11-26-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
250	11-26-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
251	5-15-52	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
252	11-26-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
253	11-26-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
254	11-28-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
255	11-28-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
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257	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
258	11-28-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
259	11-28-52	PH AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
260	11-28-52	PH AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	0	
260A	11-28-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
261	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
262	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	4	4	4 SIDED PAMPHLET COPIED ON 8 PAGES
263	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	3	3	
264	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	2	2	
265	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	2	2	
266	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	2	2	
267	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/LATT	3	3	

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268	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	2	2	* COPIED ON 3 PAGES
269	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	2	2	
270	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	4	4	4 SIDED PAMPHLET COPIED ON 3 PAGES
271	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	4	4	
272	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	2	2	
273	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	3	3	
274	12-1-52	SA MEMO TO FILE W/ATT	3	3	
275	12-1-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
276	12-1-52	BA TELETYPE TO HQ & NY	1	0	
277	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
278	11-28-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY ^{w/ATT}	2	2	
279	12-2-52	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	

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280	4-13-56	CHARGE-OUT SLIP	1	1	
281	12-2-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
282	12-2-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
283	12-2-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3	
284	12-2-52	BA AIRTEL TO HQ WFO & NY	1	0	
285	12-3-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
286	12-3-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
287	12-3-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
288	12-3-52	NK LETTER TO HQ	3	3	
289	12-4-52 ^{Recd}	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
290	12-3-52	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
291	12-2-52	SF AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	

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			Actual	Released	
292	12-3-52	WK AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
292A	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
292B	12-4-52	CW AIRTEL TO HQ, NY BS & CG	1	0	
292B	12-4-52	CW AIRTEL TO HQ, NY BS & CG (COPY)	1	0	
293	12-4-52	CG AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	2	0	
293A	11-26-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
293B	12-4-52	DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
293C	12-4-52	CG LETTER TO NY	5	—	NY FILE # 100-96057
293D	12-4-52	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	3	
293E	12-4-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
294	12-8-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	2	—	BUFFLE # 65-58238
294A	12-5-52	BA AIRTEL TO HQ, NY PH & WFO	2	0	

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294-B	12-5-52	CG-SA MEMO TO SAC	19	19	
294-C	12-5-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
295 + 296	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
297	12-8-52	NH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	-0	REFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY
297	12-8-52	NH AIRTEL TO HQ (COPY)	2	-0	REFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY
298	12-5-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
299	12-8-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
300	12-9-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	-	BUFILE # 65-58236
301	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
302	12-9-52	SV LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
303	12-9-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
303A	12-4-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	

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303 B	12-9-52	DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
304	12-10-52	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
305	12-10-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	-	BUFILE # G5-58236
306	12-10-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
307	12-11-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
308	12-11-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
309	12-11-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	2	-	BUFILE # G5-58236
310	12-11-52	ATTACHMENT FOR 311 CV SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
311	12-11-52	CV LETTER TO NY	1	1	
312	12-11-52	SF AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
313	12-11-52	Complaint Form	1	1	
313A	12-9-52	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	

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313-B	12-11-52	BA LETTER TO WFO	1	1	
314	12-12-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
315	12-12-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
316	12-12-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
317	12-12-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	-	BUFILE # 65-58236
318	12-12-52	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	-	ser 1373 (279-9/30/78) BUFILE # 65-58236
319	12-12-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
320	12-12-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
320A	12-12-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1	
320B	12-12-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	being processed (279-9/30/78) NY FILE # 65-75348
321	12-14-52	Complaint Form	2	2	
322	12-14-52	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	2	1	

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323	12-15-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1		
324	12-15-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1		
325	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
326	12-15-52	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
327	12-15-52	BA LETTER TO WFO	1	1		
328	12-15-52	SAC MEMO TO ASAC	1	1		
328A	12-15-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1		
328B	12-15-52	CU SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
328C	12-15-52	CU LETTER TO NY	1	1		
329	12-16-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1		
330	12-16-52	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1		
331	12-16-52	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	-		BUFILE # 65-58236

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333	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	2	2		
334	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	2	2		
335	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3		
336	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3		3 SIDED ATTACHMENT COPIED ON 2 PAGES
337	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3		
338	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	4	4		
339	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	6	6		
340	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3		
341	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	2	2		
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346	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	3	3		
347	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE w/ATT	2	2		
348	12-16-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1		
348A	12-16-52	DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1		
348B	12-16-52	STL LETTER TO HQ	2	0		
349	12-16-52	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1		
349	12-16-52	LETTER FROM 3RD PARTY	1	1		
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349C	12-16-52	HQ LETTER TO NY	2	2		
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, INTERNAL SECURITY DAYLET. PH-82-S# HAS ADVISED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE SUBJECT COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK HAS INFORMED JEAN FRANTJIS, SECRETARY OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, THAT ORGANIZATION WILL CONCENTRATE ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS. REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL OFFICE SAID THAT A "CLEMENCY BROCHURE" WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED WIDELY AND THAT 100,000 WOULD BE MAILED OUT IN NEW YORK CITY ALONE. FIVE THOUSAND OF THIS BROCHURE WILL BE SENT TO PHILADELPHIA FOR DISTRIBUTION HERE. PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER HAS CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING FOR 11/20/52 TO DISCUSS THE OBTAINING OF PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS FOR PHILADELPHIA PART OF DELEGATION TO SEE PRESIDENT TRUMAN. INFORMANT ADVISES NO DEFINITE DATE SET FOR DELEGATION AS YET.

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FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1952

The spirit of Emile Zola and Edna St. Vincent Millay will be present at the Theatre Rally on November 19th at the "Alma Garden."

For just as those two and scores of others brought all their talents to bear in the fight for Dreyfus and Sacco and Vanzetti, so today a host of persons in the art fields will bring their talents to a special THEATRE RALLY TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR JULIUS AND ERIC ROSENBERG.

A veritable flood of material was evoked by the Sacco-Vanzetti Case. More than 60 poets used their poems to deplore the miscarriage of justice. Three outstanding plays were written and from 1927 to 1946 no less than nine novels were written on the case.

Also in the Dreyfus Case, Anatole France, Marcel Proust, Mark Twain, Leo Tolstoi, and many others fought with Emile Zola in Dreyfus' defense.

The struggle to save the lives of the Rosenbergs moved American writers to create, in increasing numbers, novels, poems, and dramatic plays. The best of these will be used at the Theatre Rally on November 19th and will be presented by outstanding artists such as Paul Robeson, Howard da Silva, Morris Carnovsky, Martha Schramme and others.

Among the distinguished artists who are sponsoring the Rally are Nelson Algren, David Burliuk, Shirley G. DuBois, Arnold D'Agostino, Waldo Frank, Robert Gwathmey, Dashiell Hammett, Rockwell Kent, Ring Lardner, Jr., Bay Lea and Anton Refregier.

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TO THE RALLY TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
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FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Martin Anderson Nero, Danish writer, David Siqueiros,
Mexican artist, and Paul Eluard, French poet, today made
public declarations urging clemency for Julius and Ethel
Rosenberg.

From London, Nero joined with his wife in the
following cabled statement: "The death sentence is a
leftover remainder of barbaric times. No authority has
the right in these times to deny life to anyone. We are
for the lifting of the death sentence for the Rosenberg
couple."

Siqueiros wired from Mexico: "If the American govern-
ment sends these young and heroic parents to their death
it will always be remembered as the most shameful act com-
mitted ever against American democracy."

In his statement, Paul Eluard declared: "I can only
believe that all of us together, for our own sakes, will
save the Rosenbergs."

These statements will be read at a TRENTIE RALLY TO
SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS, to be held on ~~Wednesday~~
evening, November 13th at Palm Garden in New York City.

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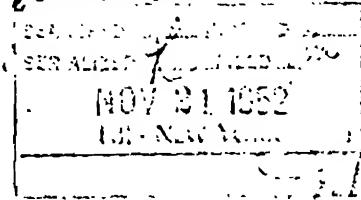
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Lois Timmins
Elizabeth Todd
Dr. Leonard Tushnet
Dr. Gene Waltfish

APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY

"The refusal of the Supreme Court to review the Rosenberg Case is a tragic, but not an irrevocable error," the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case said today through its Chairman, Joseph Brainin and Executive Secretary, David Alman.

"This tragic mistake can be, and must be, corrected by President Truman through the exercise of Executive Clemency.

"We believe that the President will be responsive to the plea for clemency already joined in by hundreds of thousands of Americans, providing that the number is multiplied by many times.

"We believe that the President will respect the unanimity of the entire Jewish press and the noted religious and civic figures who have become part of the great movement for clemency now stirring the country.

We call upon the scores of Rosenberg Committees throughout the country to appeal to their fellow citizens through ads, radio, television, public meetings, letters and other means.

(more)

"We urge the great trade unions of our country to place themselves behind this clemency appeal as they have done in the past in the Sacco-Vanzetti, Scottsboro, Martinsville Seven, and other cases.

"We urge the religious leaders of our country, of all faiths and denominations, to pray for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, to enlist the aid of their congregations in this humane cause, and to communicate their feelings to the President."

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DIRECTOR AM RDC

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C, NYLPC
OF ONE MAILED FIVE MAILED DASH 9 HAS ADVISED THAT THE DAY ARE COMING
SAVE THE ROSENBERGS IS TRIPLED ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A BARRAGE OF LETTERS
TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN REQUESTING EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS IN VIEW
OF THE FACT THAT THE TIME OF EXECUTION IS TO BE SET ON NOV. TWENTY-FIRST NEXT.
BAY AREA COMMITTEE IS ALSO FORMING A DELEGATION FROM THE WEST COAST TO JOIN
A NATIONAL DELEGATION TO CALL ON PRESIDENT TRUMAN FOR "CHALLY IN REGARD TO
THE ROSENBERGS.

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URGENT

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSINBERG CASE, IS DASH C. DAYLETT
 CI NK EIGHTEEN THIRTY DASH S REPORTS LEWIS MOROZE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
 OF N. J. CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING LOCAL RABBIS FOR
 ENDORSEMENT OF A STATEMENT REGARDING THE ROSENBERGS. REFERENCE MADE
 TO DAYLETT OF NOV NINETEEN INDICATING THAT MOROZE WAS ADVISING ASSOCIATES
 THAT A GROUP OF RABBIS IN ISRAEL HAD WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN ASKING
 CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS. MOROZE TODAY CONFIRMED ITEM APPARED
 IN SOME ISSUES NEW YORK TIMES AND NOV NINETEEN ISSUE OF "JEWISH LIFE."
 MOROZE UNABLE TO LOCATE ARTICLE. NEWARK UNABLE TO LOCATE ARTICLE IN
 TTS. POSSIBLY A DEVICE FOR SECURING INTEREST. INFORMANT REPORTS
 MOROZE CONTACTED LOCAL RABBI IN EFFORT TO GET AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE
 STATEMENT BY THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL. MOROZE WAS ADVISED INDIVIDUAL
 RABBIS WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER ENDORSEMENT OF STATEMENT. IN SUBSEQUENT
 CONTACT, MOROZE CITED ARTICLE IN TIMES AND ADVISED HIS CONTACT THAT
 A GROUP OF LOCAL RABBIS HAD TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO SEND REQUESTS
 FOR CLEMENCY TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN. MOROZE REFFRED BY RABBI BENJAMIN
 PLOTKIN OF JERSEY CITY, N. J. TO A MRS. REITMAN OF NATIONAL WOMAN'S
 LEAGUE ON SOCIAL ACTION. MRS. REITMAN AGREED TO ASSIST LEW MOROZE
 IN SECURING ENDORSEMENT OF HIS PREPARED STATEMENT AND ADVISED THAT

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NEWARK

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SHE WOULD SEND LETTERS SPECIAL DELIVERY TO THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA, THREE ZERO EIGHT ZERO BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, AND TO MRS. THEODORE KROHN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL ACTION. MOROZE ADVISED MRS. REITMAN THAT ARTICLE APPEARING IN "JEWISH DAY" MENTIONED TWENTYTWO RABBIS FROM ISRAEL APPEALING TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

FND

MC KEE

CC: / NEW YORK

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

November 24, 1952

Mr. R. Dana Chase
Norfolk Terminals
140 Cedar Street
New York 6, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your note
and enclosure of November 18, 1952.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI

MEMO

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE MURKIN CASE. BALTIMORE SECURITY INFORMANT PA NINE ONE SIX SEVEN ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT A MEME "O" OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, CONTACTED MORTON BATES, BALTIMORE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE, COMMUNIST PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF NEW YORK, AND ADVISED SP. THAT HEARD FROM THE QUOTE NEW YORK COMMITTEE UNQUOTE STATE, THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPT. OF JUSTICE WAS TRYING TO MOVE MORTON SOBEL TO ALCATRAZ PRISON. COULD REQUESTED BATES TO CONTACT OTHERS AND URGE THEM TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL PROTESTING ABOVE ACTION. SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMANT ADVISED THAT BATES CONTACTED SEVERAL OF MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS AND REQUESTED THAT THEY SEND TELEGRAMS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RE ABOVE.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE BATES CASE DATED
SECURITY INFORMATION BE HIRING ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ADVISED BY GOVERNMENT
BALTIMORE COMMITTEE TO PARTY SYNPATIZING WITH A MEMBER OF
CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, CONTACTED MILTON L. BROWN, BALTIMORE
COMMITTEE PARTY MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PROGRESSIVE
PARTY OF MARYLAND, AND ADVISED HIM THAT IT WAS FROM THE QUOTE
NEW YORK COMMITTEE UNQUOTE STATING THAT THE UNITED STATES
DEPT. OF JUSTICE WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE BELIEVED
ALCATRAZ PRISON. COULD REQUESTED BROWN TO DO WHAT OTHERS
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ATTORNEY GENERAL PROTESTING ABOVE ACTION. THE EQUITY
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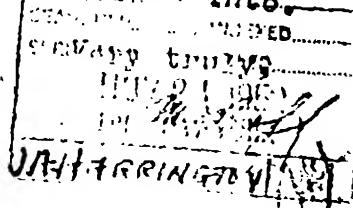
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Dear Sir:

I received this letter in the mail this morning. I think these communist Rats should be investigated. Please keep my name out of this. These letters were probably mailed to all druggist and dentist -s. I think this should be looked into.



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11/24/52 5 p.m. NEWARK

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DIRECTOR, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS DASH C. AGENTS OBSERVING MOTORCADE WHICH TRAVELED THROUGH SECTIONS OF N. J. ON SAT., NOV TWENTY-FIVE, BEARING SIGNS APPEALING FOR CLEMENCY IN THE ROSENBERG CASE REPORT MOTORCADE POORLY RECEIVED BY OBSERVING PUBLIC. INDIVIDUALS RIDING IN THE PROCESSION DISMOUNTED AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLET CAPTIONED "THE ROSENBERGS MUST NOT DIE" WHICH WAS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. AGENTS REPORT VARIOUS LEAFLETS ACCEPTED BY PASSING PUBLIC. SEVEN CARS PARTICIPATED IN MOTORCADE.

FWD

MC KEE

CC: NEW YORK

MR. BOARDMAN
MR. WHELAN
MR. HARGREAVES
MR. FALES
MR. BRUGGEMAN
MR. FITZGERALD
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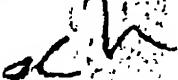
Mrs. Morris Siegelman
1606 Nelson Court
Levitt, New York

My dear Mrs. Siegelman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter which was received in this office on November 1st, 1952, enclosing material for my attention.

I have carefully noted the contents of your communication and want you to know that I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to forward this information to me.

Sincerely yours,


LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (64-3114)

11/25/52

FBI, New York (12X-33675)

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau
are extra copies of the following items being given wide distribution
by the CRC in connection with its campaign for "Amnesty" for political
prisoners:

1. Circular soliciting registrations for participation in
delegations to visit BENJAMIN DAVIS, ERNEST BROWN, ROBERT DEAN,
KING and JULIUS ANDERSON, JACOB STACHEL and WALTER CLAYTON.

2. Memorographed memorandum for organization to order material
and to pledge delegates to visits

BEN DAVIS in Indiana (Delegation leaves 12/23/52)

ERNEST BROWN in Atlanta, Ga. (Delegation leaves 12/23/52)

ROBERT DEAN INDIANA, Indianapolis, Ind. (Delegation leaves 12/24/52)

KING and JULIUS ANDERSON (Delegation will visit them 12/24/52)

JACOB STACHEL in Connecticut (Delegation will visit him 12/24/52)

WALTER CLAYTON in N.Y. (Delegation will visit him 12/24/52)

Copies of this material received 11/17/52 by 21 CRR T. DRAFT
from [REDACTED] are being maintained as exhibits in NY file on above
certified c-36.

Copies of instant letter are being designated for offices
covering destination of aforementioned delegations for purposes of
information.

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Director, FBI (61-10149)
ATTN: Asst. Dir. L.B. WICKES
SAC, New York (100-80675)

November 25

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau telephone call from SA ROBERT E. WICK,
11/24/52.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are two photocopies of items listed below which have been distributed locally in connection with the ROSENBERG case.

It is felt that all the items listed below, which include press releases as well as pamphlets and letterheads, have received fairly wide distribution in connection with the efforts of the CRC and miscellaneous organizations in behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

1. Throwaway distributed at 11/19/52 "Theater Rally to Secure Clemency for the ROSENBERGS" distributed at latter rally held at Palisades Garden, 306 West 52 Street, New York City.
2. Throwaway issued by the CRC concerning "City-Wide Rally to Save the ROSENBERGS" held by the CRC, 10/23/52 at Central Park, New York City.
3. 10/17/52 CRC press release concerning the ROSENBERG case.
4. 11/3/52 CRC press release concerning the ROSENBERG case.
5. 11/21/52 CRC letterhead urging action in behalf of the ROSENBERGS.
6. Circular issued by the CRC soliciting participation in holiday delegations to visit prisoners including the ROSENBERGS.
7. [REDACTED]

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8. Letterhead captioned "Theater Rally to Secure Clemency for the ROSENBERGS" dated 11/10/52.
9. 11/18/52 press release on letterhead captioned "Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case".
10. 11/17/52 letterhead captioned "Theater Rally to Secure Clemency for the ROSENBERGS".
11. 11/21/52 press release captioned "Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case".
12. [REDACTED]
13. Pages 1 and 7 of the 11/23/52 issue of "The Worker" setting out information concerning the ROSENBERGS.

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14. [REDACTED]

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15. [REDACTED]

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NY 100-80675

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[REDACTED] Regarding Item 12 concerning [REDACTED]

A copy of this pamphlet will be submitted to the Bureau upon receipt of same by this office.

FBI, SAN FRANCISCO

11/25/52

MR-TEL

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DIRECTOR, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS. IS PUBLISHED DAILY. OF ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO EIGHT IT WAS ADVISED THAT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERG'S HAS INSTITUTED A TWENTY FOUR-HOUR VIGIL ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE THE EXECUTION OF THE ROSENBERG'S. COMMITTEE ALSO WILL HOLD A NATIONAL CLEMENCY GATHERING ON JANUARY FOUR AND FIVE. IT WAS ADVISED THAT DELEGATES BE SENT BY EACH CITY IN ORDER THAT AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND PERSONS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. ON JANUARY FIVE NIGHT, DELEGATES WILL BE SENT TO CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL CHAMBERS ON BEHALF OF THE ROSENBERG'S.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN SACO VENZETTI CASE, IS-C. URGENT.
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION ADVISED BY REUTHER, TO NYKONE, FIFTYTHREE
THAT PROGRESSIVE PARTY NATIONAL OFFICE, 161 PARK AV., HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS
TO CIV. ORGANIZING CASE AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE: "PUT PRESSURE ON ACTION NOT BE
TAKEN TO SAVE SACKO VENZETTI LIVES. DO NOT LET IT GO ON LONGER THAN TEN DAYS TO SECURE
BIGGEST FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS, LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT
TRUMAN CALLING FOR CLEMENCY FOR SACCO VENZETTI. OUT EVERY MEMBER
OF P.P. INTO ACTION ON THIS. CONTACT BROADBENT, COOPER AND MCCARTHY
INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN REACH. DO NOT LIMIT YOURSELF TO P.P.
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SUGGESTIVE ACTION, I. E. LETTERS, HAVE
EVERY MEMBER OF P.P. WRITE OR SIGN PETITION. ETC. NOTIFY THEM
OF FRIENDS, SUGGESTIVE AND ACQUAINTANCES WITH I. E. THAT
THESE DIRECTLY TO LEADERS OF JEWS, NEGRO, BLACK PUGGERS, AND TO
MINISTERS OF CHURCHES FOR SIMILAR LETTERS. ETC. TALK TO OWNERS OF
LOCAL PAPERS DONT CASH. FIVE, USE THIS YOU HAVE THE ACTION.
SHOULD CHIEFLY BE TO SEE THAT SOMETHING IS DONE WITHIN TEN DAYS TO
PREVENT ANOTHER SACCO VENZETTI EXECUTION UNDERTAKEN.

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Mr. A. Murdoc
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Murdoc --

This fly-leaf or leaflet was pushed under my studio door today, October 12th.

This rally or soap box convention is, really, completely inspired; we join in with their cause, our present or former members being invited or invited to speak.

No true American would sponsor a cause in defense of a traitor of the United States, particularly a traitor who have already been convicted of the crime in an accessible corner of the land.

You might like to have this rally at your place of convenience, one person known for his stand, the other to organize it, the third to give a pertinent home address if possible.

Regards,

John B. Tillary
910 Riverside Drive
New York City 30

Levittown 8-2910

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE (100-107111)

DATE: 11/26/52

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, SA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
ESP-R

At 9:30 A.M. 10/30/52, I telephonically advised Mr. Hennrich, Bureau, that the Rabbi who had spoken at the Committee meeting in Union Square on 10/29/52 and who allegedly was going to Independence, Missouri, that evening to make a personal appeal to President Truman to commute the ROSENBERG sentence, was Rabbi MEYER SHARFF of the Temple Ansha Fokatilof, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a member of the Rabbinical Board of Greater New York.

Our files also show that Rabbi SHARFF in his speech stated he is not a Communist and that during the revolution in Russia his 16 year old son was shot for being the son of a bourgeois. I told Mr. Hennrich that SHARFF in his speech attacked Judge Kaufman for being anti-Semitic, believed the ROSENBERGS innocent and stressed the anti-Semitic angle of the case.

I also told Mr. Hennrich the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE has publicly stated that Rabbi SHARFF came to them unsolicited.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF

*R.H. Macy & Co.
Inc.*

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER

New York 16 N. Wabash

Gentlemen:

Here's the material that came to
me yesterday at my home, 277 Park Avenue,
which you asked me to send you

Sincerely

Paul Hollister

The F.B.I.
290 Broadway
New York

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New York 7, N.Y.

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Gentlemen:

The enclosed data regarding the Rosenberg case was received by me yesterday through the mail. Unfortunately I destroyed the envelope addressed to me but I did notice the name Joseph Brannin. He was in the office last Friday night upon advice from one of your agents over the phone. I am returning same to your office.

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290 Broadway
New York, New York

November 28, 1952

Miss Mary R. Flynn
71 West 121st Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Flynn:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
November 26, 1952.

The interest and courtesy which prompted you
to address this communication to me am indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

J.M.RM

100-10711-254

113 EAST 39TH STREET - NEW YORK 16

11/26/52

Federal Bureau

290 Broadway

gentlemen:

Enclosed please find
literature circulated re -
Rosenbergs (communist traitors)
Please retain for your
files, in particular, the
names of sponsors who
apparently are willing to
permit others to sell, or
lend them. They may be doing the same.

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Wm D Fisher
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290 Broadway
New York, New York

November 28, 1952

Mr. David B. Fisher
Ellerton House
113 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
November 26, 1952.

The interest and courtesy which prompted you
to address this communication to me are indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BRAIDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

According to instructions I received this morning from one of our staff I am enclosing the "literature" I received in the mail from this Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The thing that mystifies me is how the ragged-ass bastards got my name on their mailing list. I have only been in New York since March, coming here from Toronto, Ont. I have joined no organizations other than the Radio Writers Guild and I am not at all active in that.

It makes my kind of angry to have my name on the lists of any fool outfit like this one shapes up to be. For my money the sooner they burn that couple of grade-A bastards the better off the country will be.

I can only assume that they must have gotten my name because I am in the television writing game. Never been a subversive in my life, although I was a Republican during the recent administrations. Mebbe they figured I was ripe for the "revolution after all."

Sincerely yours

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sirs:

I am calling the enclosed to your attention as others doubtless have done.

Whether this is a movement by cranks, misguided, sincere people or subversive elements I cannot tell, but I think the matter should be looked into.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Whiteside

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MERCY for the ROSENBERGS

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**THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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THIS American people are a merciful people. American sympathies are ever awakened by human suffering. In a thousand ways, among which our east benevolences furnish glorious examples, Americans have demonstrated that they are warm-hearted and not hard-hearted. Brotherhood is our ideal, recurrently acclaimed within our several religions as well as by our unchurched. All of us have, at times, fallen short of those ideals. But deep in our souls, we cherish those ideals. Rare is the American who does not harbor mercy and does not revere brotherhood.

Also among American ideals is that of loyalty to the United States. Sometimes religious ideals and national ideals conflict, and devout people occasionally affirm that there is a law of God which is higher than the law of the state. This is not our own position. Most of us defer to the laws of the state without reservation. The laws of the state should be obeyed. To the laws of the state, everyone owes allegiance.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg have been convicted of a law violation. Large numbers of people look upon this conviction as unjust, like the conviction of Leo Frank or Alfred Dreyfus or others who, though pronounced guilty, were subsequently proved innocent. Some deem Julius and Ethel Rosenberg innocent. There are also those who, while non-committal as to the couple's guilt or innocence, do nevertheless insist that the trial was unfairly conducted. Persons versed in the law have pointed out what they regard as improprieties in the proceedings. But we shall waive all this. Let us concede that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg did commit the crime with which they are charged. Let us grant that this trial entailed no breach of justice. Still, is it compatible with the sense in the American spirit that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg be put to death?

If it is argued that through the betrayal of atomic secrets by the Rosenbergs, Russia gained a military advantage. That the act alleged of the Rosenbergs imparted to Russia any military advantage has by no means been proved. But granted that such advantage for Russia might have ensued, others convicted of the identical crime—Fuchs, Greenglass, Gold, Gorrell, Slack, Slatkin, Mao, Brothman—have not been sentenced to die; they have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment. If the death penalty was, in those other cases, not complete for our national defense why should it be so regarded in the case of the Rosenbergs?

UNIQUE FACTORS

THE implied imputed to the Rosenbergs is said to have had its inception in 1944 and 1945. At that time, the United States and Russia were allies. It is difficult to see why Russia should, at that time have found espionage at all necessary. The United States was, at that time, sharing its military secrets with Russia as it was with England and with Canada. As master of public thought, Harry Hopkins himself, at that period, mediated the transfer of nuclear materials to the Soviets. The law against atomic espionage does not, it is true, distinguish between a friendly power and a hostile power. It forbids the betrayal of atomic secrets to any foreign power. But must the punishment be made equally severe in both

instances? There is a huge difference between a friendly power and a hostile power. Is the breadth of that difference, is there no room for mercy?

The law violation of which the Rosenbergs are accused is alleged to have occurred at a time when the atomic bomb was unknown to everyone except a few highly trained experts; it was prior to Hiroshima. The day after Hiroshima, all of us knew about the atomic bomb. Previous to Hiroshima, none of us knew. Even if the Rosenbergs did conspire to betray atomic secrets, they could not possibly have comprehended the import of what they were doing. Clemency to the Rosenbergs can, in no way, constitute a precedent against the death sentence for future infractions. The factors in the case are utterly unique. Never can those same factors recur.

All of this applies regardless of what might be said about the people by whom the Rosenbergs are being aided. Among those seeking to save the Rosenbergs are people of all political parties, several religious cults, and various walks of life. All of them are people like the reader and the writer of these words, Americans whose interests lie in America, who have everything to gain if America gains and everything to lose if America loses. By no stretch of the imagination, can any friend of the Rosenbergs, in any way, profit by anything through which America is injured.

The sinister word "Communism" has entered into the situation. There are words which, by a kind of fatal spell, dissipate thought and generate fury. Among such words, "Communism" plays at present a dreadful role. The word conveys so many different meanings that it has become almost void of meaning but, the less meaning a word holds, the greater sometimes its potency for passions which entangle thinking.

THE OMINOUS WORD

LONG before the cold war began, a communist was understood to be someone who aims to overthrow the United States government "by force and violence." Our imbroglio with Russia has, during the last seven years, woefully intensified this charge. A communist is now asserted to be someone who promotes the interests of Russia in opposition to the interests of the United States. Would it be out of place to ask the reader: Have you ever met anyone who advocated the overthrow of the United States? Have you ever read any book, article or pamphlet which urged such overthrow? Have you ever heard any public speaker recommend such overthrow? It is sometimes maintained that people harbor such thoughts but keep them secret, forbearing to express them openly. Yet how can we possibly know anyone's unexpressed thoughts? With equal warrant, one might suppose, of clandestine subversiveness, Dwight Eisenhower, Adlai E. Stevenson, Harry S. Truman or Robert A. Taft. Still, let us suppose that the friends of the Rosenbergs consist only of traitors. How does that touch the merits of the Rosenberg case? How does that alter the preciousness of mercy? Must the Rosenbergs suffer because of the sins of their friends?

The truth will have to be sought in the sinuosities of the human mind. Every life is beset with frustrations. All of us suffer vexation and disappointment. Psychologists have studied the tendency of organisms, whether human or animal, to retaliate for frustrations by striking back. If the organism can not reach its real offender, it attacks some substitute, some "displacement," as the psychologists call it; like the man who, reprimanded by his employer, yet not daring to answer his employer, comes home and vents his spleen on his wife and his children; or like the boy who resented the domination of his father but, powerless to get even with his father, waited twenty-five years and shot down "Father" Abraham. That boy's name was John Wilkes Booth. This displacement of grievances is a familiar psychological phenomenon. Unable to get at those who are the real causes of our woes, we wreak vengeance on scapegoats.

OUR BASIC TROUBLE

FOR some people, the scapegoat is the Jew. For others, it is the Catholic. For still others, it is the "capitalists" or "Wall Street." The favorite scapegoat of the present hour is the "communists." This does not deny that there really are people who call themselves communists and who feverishly advance extreme theories about the obligations of the privileged toward the under-privileged. Most of us Americans dissent from those theories, even though the Republican Party and the Democratic Party to which we belong may count, among their followers, people holding views but slightly less radical. The fact is that the opinions propounded by the communists have little to do with the conflict. Communism is, for us, hardly a vehicle of political or economic ideas. It has grown to be an unconscious symbol of the troubles which embitter our lives.

Regrettably the Rosenberg case has become implicated with that deadly word. Were the case to be judged on its merits, a great swell of protest would arise against the sentence of death. Public opinion would encourage and support the President in commuting the sentence.* The issue has unhappily gotten entangled in clichés which cause Americans to forget that Americans are merciful.

One is reminded of the adage, "Know thyself." If we would look deeply into our souls, we might find that our troubles are rooted not in the "communists" but in the frustrations of our private lives. Once aware of this, we would recall words spoken more than nine decades ago by the noblest American of them all. Ours would then be the hope that America's splendid ideals of mercy and of brotherhood will yet reign within all hearts "when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

* The case can not come before the President until all judicial expedients have been exhausted. The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case is engaged in raising funds to finance an appeal to the Supreme Court and, if granted, a new trial.

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